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v. Dr. Tibor Erdey Cruz.	vv. Ferenc Kéleti.
w. Mihály Ferenc.	ww. István Kende.
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27. ACS, Lajos

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28. VEGH, Gyula.

Both of these men have been raised from the unknown depths (from party ranks) by RAKOSI and been made into high rank party functionaries - with the violation of the party constitution. Previously both of them filled very small posts in the party machinery.

This was necessary that RAKOSI should create a leadership next to himself that are christians(gentiles) and possible of worker origin, that will carry out RAKOSI's will through fire and water. ACS and VEGH are these men.

In the meantime they tasted power and they use it too. They are 30 to 38 years old.

They were selected by Rakosi in 1953 or 1954. ~~X~~

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AJTAY, Miklos.

deputy minister.

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In 1944 as a university student he joined the resistance movement. This way he came into contact with M FEHER Lajos who for a while has been the member of the Central management. AJTAY worked in the resistance movement under the direction of FEHER. Their name is connected with the the blowing up of the GOMBOS monument (6 October 1944 Dobrente square, at Budapest) and the blowing up of several German Panzers. AJTAY worked in the movement under the cover name of MAROT or SZIR.

At this time AJTAY has not been yet a member of the communist party, and entered the party only after 1945. After his graduation at the university, the party considering Ajtay's services, helped him and placed him in important positions. For years he has been deputy minister for the light industry. At present he is either still in this position or is vice president of the Country Planning Office.

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AJTAY is a modest man who does not boast of his deeds of the past.

He does not like to talk about politics. He participates in various political movements only as an obligation. He has been driven into the communist net by his unexpressible anti-nazi and anti-arrow-cross stand.

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ANDICS, Elisabeth, Mrs. BEREI Andor. and her family

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ANDICS Elisabeth Dr. is the head of the
 operating next to the of the party
 scientific and cultural section of the central leadership and therefore she

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is the highest leader of the cultural matters in the party.

and
 She is about 50-55 years old, is also member of the Central Committee and
 president of the Peace ~~Committee~~ World Council, and at the meetings of this
 council she represents Hungary. Besides she is a professor of the university
 and also writes books.

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She is a member of the Country Historical Memorial
 Committee and is the leader of the history falsification in Hungary.

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she got acquainted with communism around the end of the 1920
 years. She participated in a youth cell with her present husband BEREI Andor.
 They were arrested, spent a short time in jail and then through Czechoslovakia
 they escaped illegally to Moscow where they stayed until 1946. ANDICS is a
 representative (MP) and a fervant advocate of atheism in Hungary. Completely
 tru to Moscow. Besides Russian she speaks one or two Western languages. She
 has a daughter Vera who in 1940 and 1947 used to work as interpreter at the
 Russian section of the Allied Control Commission, and later worked in the TASS
 Budapest Office.

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APRO, Antal.

deputy president of the council of ~~ministers~~ ministers.

APRO participated already in the illegal worker movements during the war.

he already has been a member of the communist party. After 1945 he started 25X1 to work in the labor union. Soon he became secretary, from this position he steps in the ministerial chair, becomes minister of building materials. Later he is 25X1 deputy of the president of the council of ministers, and holds this job up to now. His original trade was apprentice painter, but could not work much because for years he had to live in illegality. From 1945 until 1948 he used to live in a four room apartment at No.56 Dozsa Gyorgy street, and from there he moved to his present domicile.

He is known as one of the truest man of RAKOSI. His wife 25X1

also works in the party machinery is first secretary of the party committee of one district.

he also is a member of that committee 25X1

at the party central that is destined to supervise the RAJK case.

He has one brother(or sister) who 25X1

for a long time used to have a flowershop at Budapest. His original name was:

KLEIN Antal.

He is RAKOSI's man, since 2-3 years he is ^{also a} ~~member~~ of the political committee of the party.

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BALOGH, Elemer.

His name is unknown. However in the Hungarian political life he already played a great role in the past and will continue it in the future. He is the director and leader of the highest party highschool at Budapest.

Before 1945, he has~~s~~ been professor at the Tisza Istvan university (Debrecen). Even at that time he had communist sympathies. His theoretical knowledge has been great but he has joined the communist party only after the Russian troops occupied Debrecen. He also has been graduated at several party high schools and party academies -and primarily in the Soviet Union. At present he is the director of the education and the upbringing of the upper cadres.

BALOGH conducts the party high schools exactly and completely according to the Soviet system. He himself directs only a small number of schools attended ~~by~~ only by members of the central management of the party and a few ministers. Several times he has been selected (for higher posts) but always he declined that he still has plenty to do on this(educational) field. Until he ~~he~~ does not see the party educational system good enough he is not going to take any other position. Twice he has been selected as minister of education. Once his nomination has been approved by all the competent authorities and only the publication was necessary, however he decidedly declined to accept. He declared that in a few years time the time will come when he will be able to comply gladly to a similar will of the party.

The party functionaries are very much after his good will and graces. Namely, the assignment of education and the grading and classification mostly depend on him, and the more ambitious party members would like to get there(to his classes).

Even the members of the Central management of the party fear BALOGH's opinion less he states about them that they are ideologically undeveloped -and therefore the grey, insignificant man in the background has tremendous power.

BALOGH is a clever, well-balanced, sober minded, sharp-brained man. Speaks Russian, German and English.

BATA, Istvan

Defense minister. [redacted] There are two versions in 25X1

circulation in the country about BATA. The one, that he has been a street car conductor and has been recruited by KOSSA Istvan, and the other, that around 1945 he came from Moscow and right away became the chief of staff of the army.

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BATTA is a short man, brown faced. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] If a member of the political committee, a minister, or another leading personality appears at a public place, he is followed by the AVH men who at once report to their central where they are and when. At two occasions when BATTA arrived at the Peoples Park(Nepliget) soccer field to see the Honved (ARMY) game, the same procedure was followed in his case. The AVH man used the *** sport newspaper's telephone to report thus: " The KAKADEK arrived at such and such a time "

It is interesting that the KAKADEK codename was used at two occasion in connection with BATTA.

*** [redacted] The word Kakadek could be translated in two ways. 25X1

1. Kakad - ek meaning that the people of Kakad, the people from Kakad, or that the Kakad family has arrived. (There is no such family name)
2. In Trans Danubian dialect Kakadek means that the "crap" has arrived.

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BEBRITS, Lajos

transportation minister.

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He came back to Hungary in 1945. He participated in the first revolution and after its defeat he had to escape. Allegedly at that time he used to work at the railroad. Between the two world wars he lived several years in the United States (Cleveland, Ohio) and from there went to the Soviet Union. After 1945 he first became secretary of state for transportation, next to minister Gero, and then from 1946 he is minister without interruption. He is a confidential man of the Russians, this is understandable because the mail and railroad is is important from the point of view of the army, and these belong under BEBRITS' jurisdiction.

BEBRITS likes to drink. He has a few friends, who have smaller vineyards around Tokaj and Badacsont, and he visits them often with the ministerial special train. BEBRITS has a 25-28 year old daughter who is working in the editorial offices of the "Szabad Nep" (Free People) under the name of BEBRITS Anna, as newspaperwoman. This woman is unbelievably on the communist line. She plays more of a communist than her father.

The BEBRITS ministry has plenty of difficulties. They started the construction of the subway, that had to be discontinued, and the openings (shafts) stand now all over the city. A few houses collapsed. The question of responsibility has been brought up several times at party meetings but BEBRITS is not very much interested because he acted on GERO Erno's instructions. It could be said about BEBRITS that he enjoys the confidence of GERO Erno in the first place. BEBRITS had an active part in the hanging of VARGA Laszlo (or Istvan) the former general director of the

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BEBRITS, Lajos.

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MAV (Hungarian State Railways) who belonged to the small landholders party.

BEBRITS 25X1

is member of the parliament since 1945. He never had a greater role in the party,

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He speaks English and Russian very well. The motorcar that he has for his personal use has always been an American make [redacted] BEBRITS likes to travel. 25X1

However as a minister he seldom travels abroad. The sovietization of the Hungarian railways is connected with his name.

He is about 60 years old today.

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RENKE, Valerie

~~President-of-the-Hungarian-Radio-Office.~~
President of the Hungarian Radio Office.

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[redacted] Her original profession: teacher.

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She got acquainted with the communist ideas only after 1945, but so well that today one might say that she is the most faithful servant of Moscow. She emerged in the Hungarian Womens Democratic Federation and from here has been transferred to various posts by the party. The last time she has been secretary general of the Peace Council. She traveled abroad several time as peace delegate. She does not know much about radio but she is a party faithful and very much on the line. Since 1947 she is member of the parliament. Her monthly income reaches to about 5-6000 forints.

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BERCZI or BARCZI, Gyula, first secreatry of the party committee of Bihar-Hajdu county.

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Practically at every meeting of the Central Leadership in 1954 and in 1955 BERCZI's activity was mentioned as one who performs his tasks in an exemplary manner. At one occasion they(the communist leaders) wanted to promote him. After the March 1955 party resolution they wanted to put him in the presidency of the Country Planning Office. He openly said that he doesn't not accept the job because he does not know anything about it. This frank admission only raised his prestige.

He is not liked in the county, people fear him because he is agressive

the local councils, and the leaders of the village party organisations, etc. are scared of BERCZI because he strongly avenges, retaliates even the smallest irregularities.

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His knowledge(edication) has no foundation, it is completely onesided consists only of marxism.

BEREI, Andor

He is the husband of ANDICS, Elisabeth Dr.

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Since 1945, among the ones that came home from Moscow, he belongs to the so-called second outfit, always filled confidential posts. First he was general secretary of the Country Planning Office (until this office filled a secondary role) then he was transferred to the foreign ministry as deputy minister and from there (after SZALAY Bela left) he was put in the presidency of the Planning Office. He is still there. He is a completely Moscow man together with his wife.

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BETLEN, Oszkar,

deputy head of the editorial committee of the "Szabad Nep" (Free People) daily.

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BETLEN is the brother of BOLDIZSAR Ivan the editor in chief of the Magyar Nemzet (Hungarian Nation) paper. He with his brother participated in the illegal struggle before 1945. In 1945 he joined the communist party and started to work at the "Szabad Nep". After REVAI left the paper, BETLEN became the deputy of HORVATH Marton, and therefore he is the second man at the paper. He filled this position more or less until 1953 when he became the editor in chief of the "Tartos Bekeret es Nepi Demokraciaert" (For the Permanent Peace and for the Peoples Democracy) news information bureau paper published at Bucarest.

He has been relieved a few months ago, went back to Budapest and for a while he did not do any work. Since about October (1955) he is reengaged at the "Szabad Nep" and is the deputy head of the editorial committee.

BETLEN is married.

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BOGNAR, Joseph

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Minister of interior commerce. He is not a communist but belongs to the Small
landholders Party.

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He has Hungarian-German languages teachers diploma. Married, wife as I know has
chemist diploma.

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BOGNAR started in the Small Landowners Party on the left wing. As such he
succeeded making a carrier for himself because he supported the communist in
he was
everything. For years a penetrating agent (of the communists) in the landowners
party and informed the communists of every move.

For a time he was editor of the "Reggel" Monday paper that belonged to LAZAR
Miklos. He was delegated to this post by the party. Later he was mayor of Budapest,
and had some post at the ministry of information. At this time he was barely 230
years old. Later he was upgraded to minister of interior commerce. He ~~does~~ did
not know anything about this job but having accustomed to the good life he did
not want to leave it and accepted the nomination.

he since 1946 always filled important posts. 25X1

RAKOSI rates him highly because way back in 1946 when bourgeois politicians had
not recognised yet the communist tactics, BOGNAR was up to date and was the first
to study the so-called classics of the Marxist literature. At this time he lived
in an apartment at the FEHER Gyorgy street but later 25X1
he too moved up to the Rozsa hill. His position has been shaky for a year or two,-
his old and faithful secretary has been transferred from his side and is today the
head of one of the agricultural export enterprises,- and a former manicurist girl
has been designated by the party to his side. This girl is the observer of BOGNAR.
BOGNAR's name is closely connected with the liquidation of private commerce in
Hungary. Under his ministership every shop, store and enterprise has been socialized.
He is a typical opportunist, today he serves this system but tomorrow if his interest
demands he will serve something else.

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BOLDIZSAR, Ivan

newspaperman.

BOLDIZSAR has been a newspaperman even before 1945. However, after 1943 he could not write under his name because of his origin. [redacted]

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By this reason he became very bitter at this time and in 1944 had financial difficulties also, he could hardly make a living. Around this time he joined the anti-nazi underground movement and soon edited an illegal underground newspaper. This became known, BOLDIZSAR has been arrested, and spent months at the Margit boulevard military prison. After 1945 he started on the political line. His brother, BETLEN Oscar joined the communists, but he BOLDIZSAR selected the National Peasant Party. He became the editor of the "Szabad Szó" the organ of the Peasant Party, however he does not edit the paper for a long time any more.

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Before long, he starts a new weekly under the title of "Uj Magyarorszag" (New Hungary) with the task to prove to the world-and also to the Hungarians- that Hungary has a legal right to demand the Hungarian inhabited part of Transylvania, and the Hungarian inhabited part of Upper-Hungary (Czechoslovakia), and also to give to the Hungarian public a weekly magazine treating foreign affairs measured with Western standards. For a while his paper prospered well, in case of need once the ministry of foreign affairs and then the ~~the~~ ministry of cults and public instruction (of that time) helped him out ~~with~~ materially, remaining in the background.

Since 1945, 1946. Boldizsar had a burning desire, he wanted to become minister of foreign affairs. He worked for this purpose in the Peasant Party, and this was the reason he was on good terms with everybody. However, his dream did not come true, he reached the rank of secretary of state, and already he was very much satisfied. It belongs to human nature that he used many newspapermen to reach

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BOLDIZSAR, Ivan

this post but when he attained his goal, he asked everybody who helped him, how he could reciprocate their assistance. However, in the chair of the secretary of state [redacted]

shifted

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more and more to the left in the direction of Moscow. From his position as secretary of state BOLDIZSAR went back to the editorship of the "Magyar Nemzet" illustrated weekly daily and the "Beke es Szabadsag" (Peace and Freedom). He has been editor of these two papers at the same time. Soon he resigned from the "Beke es Szabadsag" and kept only the "Magyar Nemzet" until XXXX/ 1955. From this post he was relieved in a very interesting manner. At that time there has been a great cleaning up process in progress in the Hungarian press. The "Magyar Nemzet" has been the paper of the Patriotic Peoples Front that served NAGY Imre and his system devotedly. Therefore, it was to be expected that some people will be fired from that paper too. And so it happened. After the first waves calmed down BOLDIZSAR declared that he knows for certain that nobody else will be fired from the paper. everybody should be reassured (steady) now. The same day he, BOLDIZSAR has been called up to the party central at the Akademia street, and he has been fired. This news surprised not only BOLDIZSAR but the whole Hungarian press also.

BOLDIZSAR is a very smart, educated and sly man. When he saw that one has to change direction toward Moscow, he went to the Soviet Union and from there wrote a book

"Fortochka". [redacted] this book, more than anything else, popularized 25X1

the Soviet Union in Hungary. The book dealt with everyday problems. One part of the party, led by RAKOSI, praised the book, and the other part of the party (REVAI) reproached BOLDIZSAR, In November 1955 [redacted]

he had 25X1

no position yet,. His wife is of French origin (French girl) and has relatives in living in France, she still speaks better French than Hungarian. BOLDIZSAR lives in the beautiful house(villa) of MORITZ Gyula, former professor of university at the Balogh Adam street. For a long time BOLDIZSAR paid rent, but when the house

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BOLDIZSAR Ivan

house has been nationalized, a few months later, he discontinued the payments of rent to KORNIS.

BOLDIZSAR Ivan has every single book that was published in Hungary since 1945.

He has an unbelievably valuable library. He himself is an educated, clever man.

Several times he traveled abroad, also on the West.

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As an oppressed man he aspired for much

more and believed that through his talents, ~~he~~ and capacity he shall achieve more. Now he is bypassed and neglected more and more permanently. There were times when his monthly income reached 12-15.000 forints (and this is no mistake).

At present he is working at the shortwave broadcasts of the Radio, that is directed to abroad. Most of the times he wrote the political comments to the Arabian language programs. Just recently, one of his books has been published "Travel guide of Hungary" that describes and presents the more famous resorts and excursion places.

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BOLDIZSAR, Ivan (Comments of translator to biography of)

BOLDIZSAR Ivan was born around 1906, graduated from high school around 1924, (probably latin high school) attended university at Budapest for two or three years (Law and political sciences) received his degree in 1928. (?)

In 1927 BOLDIZSAR was awarded scholarship of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign affairs, for one or two years study at the Sorbonne university at Paris.

Arrived at Paris October 1927, lived at the left bank, studied at Sorbonne, political sciences and French language. June 1928 went back to Hungary (summer vacations) returned in September same year. In April 1929 BOLDIZSAR still lived in Paris and continued his studies.

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On his way to success, BOLDIZSAR encountered the same obstacles and had the same 25X1 opinion as RAJK Laszlo did " to achieve success in Hungary one has to be a nobleman, a count, or baron, or such". However, BOLDIZSAR found an easier way to circumvent the difficulties due to his humble origin. He joined already at Budapest at the university some of the patriotic student organisations and played an active part in their activities. He became one of the leaders, and it was said about him that he was granted the scholarship to reward him for his patriotic efforts in the student associations.

At Paris also, BOLDIZSAR was one of the leaders of the Hungarian youth (there about were about 40 scholarship students and ~~approximately~~ 150 other students who learned at their own expense) participated in discussions, lectures, debates and made a good name for himself among his fellow students.

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BOLDIZSAR was very patriotic and very Hungarian, much more so than the average Hungarian, because he had to be, due to his origin.

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CSATO, Istvan.

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After graduating from highschool he immediately joined the communist party and has been placed as newspaperman in 1947 to the "Magyar Nap" (Hungarian Sun) daily.

At the paper he has been the agent of the party central and the AVH. /After this

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When DOBI Istvan became president of the council of ministers,

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CSATO Istvan became the head of the secretariat. It is natural and also it is certain that he received this post upon the recommendation of the party and the AVH. CSATO worked at this post until DOBI has been prime minister. When DOBI became state president, CSATO for a while directed the secretariat temporarily but later has been transferred to the press line by the party. He was placed at the "Szabad Ifkusag" (Free Youth) the ^{central} paper of the DISZ (Demokratikus Ifjusagi Szovetseg - Democratic Youth Federation) as director of the youth section. His wife under the name of CSATO Eva is a collaborator of the "Szabad Nep" the control party paper.

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Financially they live a balanced life with his wife, they earn about ⁴⁰⁰⁰⁻ 4.500- forints per month. In any case CSATO is hurt now that the party transferred him back to the paper. He would much rather ^{be} at the secretariat of one of the leaders as the head of the secretariat.

DARVAS, Joseph, Peoples Education Minister.

167-169 cm.tall, brown straight hair combed back, his age is about 44-46 years, married, has wife and two or three children.

DARVAS is the son of simple peasant parents, he finished his schooling with great difficulties. His name was made known in the beginning of the 1940ies, when he wrote a series of reports in the "Magyarorszag" or the "Az Est" papers about the life of the women of the night (whores). As a young man for a while he was a kept man (pimp) and had an insight ~~to~~ ^{to} that world. He had a flowing style and presented his subject with thrilling interest. He acquired a good name in the press and belonged to the arrived younger newspapermen set. DARVAS was not satisfied with this prestige, he yearned for the laureat of a writer, and published two ~~or~~ ^{or} three books, in them he exposed the problems of the simple peasants of the Hungarian village. His books had a striking success. He joined or rather was co-founder of that group of young writers who -being writers, newspapermen, reporters of peasant origin- whipped the Horthy system and brought the problems of the poor landless peasantry into the open, before the Hungarian public. The leaders of this group; FEJA Geza, DARVAS Joseph, KOVACS Imre (he lives now in the United States), ERDEI Ferenc, etc. formed later the leadership of the National Peasant Party. DARVAS participated in the resistance movement actively, and here too, he mostly fought with his pen. At this time he was rather friendly to America and not a Soviet sympathizer. After 1945 his career rose like lightning. First he was editor of the first Hungarian paper the "Szabadsag" together with ZILAHY Lajos (who since then moved to America), and KALLAI Gyula, the communist. Later he became in chief editor of the "Szabad Szó" the paper of the National Peasant Party. Since 1945 he is representative in the assembly and member of the presidency of the National Peasant Party. Even today, together with ERDEI Ferenc they represent the leaders of the mentioned party.

The communists knew that it will be very difficult to win over the peasantry of the country and therefore they formed and supported the peasant party that was

DARVAS, Joseph.

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supposed to become the party of the landless peasants. Here, DARVAS followed the communist tactics, and from the first moment showed himself as the truest ally of the communists. His reward, he received the portfolio of the minister of reconstruction. This DARVAS did not want to accept saying that he does not understand this job. RAKOSI conviced him that it is not important what kind of a minister he is but he has to be a minister. As minister of reconstruction he did not accomplish much, his every desire was the position of the minister of education. He did not have to wait long for this either.

As minister of instruction, his name is connected with the introduction of Soviet type education, re-writing of the Hungarian textbooks. During his ministership the Hungarian school system has been started to change over to the Soviet methods. DARVAS was minister of instruction for several years and nearly two years ago he has been transferred as head of the Peoples Education Ministry and he is still there. Besides politics DARVAS is still writing. While active minister he published two or three novels which are fairly interesting. Among these works of his the "Felelet"(Answer) and "Szeptemberben"(In September) are worthy of attention. At present one of his novels is adapted for film play.

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From 1945 until 1946 he has seeked everybody's friendship who could help him to reach his goals. Between 1946-1955 he became more of a secluded man to his old friends, formed a new circle of friends and communicated ~~with~~ and frequented ~~his~~ ~~old~~ very few of his old acquaintances. However he helps generally those who turn to him or could reach him. His wife's name is Maria. Very good hearted educated woman, she would like much better if her husband would occupy himself only with writing instead of political activity.

DAVID, Ferenc, first secretary of the executive committee of Szolnok county.

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studied
Before he has received his present post he ~~ministered~~ at various party schools.

At first he got used to the work ~~very~~ with great difficulty. He has selected his immediate collaborators because he did not regard skill but party loyalty only. He is a stronghanded man who keeps great order in his county. He even supervises the work of the county police and even ~~the~~ ~~AVH~~ that of the AVH. These wanted to provoke him several times but the party center always justified DAVID.

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lives very simply and not like the majority of the communist leaders . The sport is his hobby and passion. At Szolnok he supports primarily the water polo players and the swimmers.

He acquired great merits in the party by the liquidation of the kárlaks of the county.

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DENES, Istvan, first secretary of the Zala county party committee.

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DENES has been the first secretary of the DISZ(Demokratikus

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Ifjusagi Szovetseg- Federation of Democratic Youth) in Hungary. As first secretary, he simultaneously has been member of the Central Leadership, and there were times temporarily when he has been even a member of the political committee of the party. Today, he could be about 32-35 years old, as far as I know. When he has reached his 30th year he had to terminate his works at the DISZ, and has been transferred to the party line. First, for a short period he has been at the party center, then has been transferred to Zalaegerszeg at the head of the county party committee. This is a very high post in the communist ranks. It could be presumed that in very short time much Denes shall receive a higher post. While in Zala county, DENES acquired the necessary practical experience. He is member of parliament. He has one fault that is attempted to be covered now, the anti-Tito campaign has been accentuated at the most in Zala and Baranya counties. DENES has been the active director of this anti-Tito campaign in Zala county. RAKOSI has a high regard for DENES.

When the DISZ published a daily newspaper -on the example of the the wife of DENES KOMSZOMOL - ~~the first editor of the paper~~ KATONA Edith became the first editor of the paper. This has been reproached to him but RAKOSI defended him with his full weight. Since then the wife resigned this position and now performs smaller, larger work at the various mass movements.(Peace-council, Hungarian Womens Democratic Federation, etc.)

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DOBI, Istvan.

President of the Presidium Council of the Hungarian Peoples Republic, therefore the so-called president of Hungary.

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DOBI participated in the leftist movements even before 1945. He is from Szony village, in the Trans-Danubian hill district, where there is an oil refinery. DOBI has been a simple day laborer, had a few acre^s land in the village, and next to agriculture he worked as journey laborer and earth worker. He already played a serious role at that time in the Peasant Federation and also in the Small Landowners Party.

After 1945 three parties competed for DOBI: the Small Landowners Party, the National Peasant Party and the Communist Party. He remained in the Small Landowners Party and on its ticket was elected as representative. However from the first moment Dobi enjoyed the confidence of the communists and he too was confident to them. In the Small Landowners Party Dobi has been ~~first~~ member of the presidency and later, after the president's ~~death~~ VARCA Bela's departure for America, Dobi became president of the party. He still has this position.

In the administration of the country DOBI filled many different positions, he has been minister of agriculture, and after DINNYES Lajos he became prime minister and from this position came to the head of the Presidium Council.

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He lives at Buda, in the Pasaret section. He still is president of the Productive Cooperative Council which has authority over the kolhózes.

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DOBI, Istvan.

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DOBI's most confidential friend is still DANCS Joseph newspaperman, they know each other from before 1945. Usually DOBI opens his heart to DANCS the most. He complained that the AVH men are constantly escorting him and do not let him move freely. Inasmuch as this is explained to him that a state president has to be watched, Dobi had to accept this as a fact.

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His present secretary came from

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the AVH, and similarly his driver also belongs to the AVH organisation.

DOBI's wife is simple human being

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also has two or three sons

The one has been in the Soviet 25X1

Union, studied there, came home for vacation and did not want to go back. He

threatened with suicide if he has to return, finally, with difficulty his father 25X1

let him stay in Hungary. The other son is an officer of the army.

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DOBI, Istvan

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DOBI also complained that he is never informed about the more important political decisions of the Hungarian government but is informed only afterward. He is only told the completed facts.

DRAHOS, Lajos, Hungarian minister (envoy) at Warsaw.

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Before 1945 he was a simple worker at the ^{present} RAKOSI Matyas Iron and Metal Works.

Here, he was one of the loud mouthed leaders of the small left side fraction. After 25X1
1945 he was trusted with several important tasks by the communists. [redacted]

[redacted] In 1945 he is already member of the parliament on 25X1
the communist platform. At this time he still has an important position at the
at the factory and [redacted] is the leader of the factory union. 25X1

Very soon RAKOSIS made of him vice president and then president of the assembly.

However they discover soon enough that DRAHOS is not fitting to this position his
capabilities are too small for his job, However he cannot be dropped because what
would the workers say that the simple worker, introduced with so much fanfare, is
not adaptable for the role of country leader - DRAHOS was nominated as a diplomat. 25X1

They sent him to Warsaw as envoy and now for years he is ambassador there. [redacted]

Once DRAHOS was a very strong handed communist. [redacted]

[redacted] put
DRAHOS sent from the Csepel factory many experts (skilled workers) on 25X1
the street, sent many to jail, in fact there were some who were banished to Siberia. 25X1

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EGRI, Gyula (Julius)

[redacted] EGRI follows RAKOSI in party rank together with 25X1
KOVACS and SZALAY. [redacted] he was in Moscow and attended 25X1
a one year or two years course. For a while he was deputy for the minister
of interior and allegedly the supervision of the AVH was in his authority.

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In the newspapermen circles of Hungary it was a subject of talk about him,
that when he received his new position in the party he became completely
a man of Moscow who will carry the Moscow line.

3. EGRI, Gyula,

he is also secretary of the central leadership of the party. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] of the Interior he was deputy minister before 25X1

[redacted] he received his present position. [redacted] he enjoys 25X1

Moscow's complete confidence. He graduated of the political section of the Red Academy in the Soviet Union.

ERDEI (family)

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ERDEI Ferenc, who is now the deputy of the president of the council of ministers, his wife;

MAJLATH Jolan (Mrs ERDEI Ferenc) who for a long time has been the general secretary of the Institute of Cultural Relations, and his brother;

ERDEI Sandor, who was deputy minister.

ERDEI Ferenc, appeared on the Hungarian horizon around the end of the 1930, or beginning of 1940. He belonged to the group of peoples writers who raised their voices for the Hungarian peasantry. (DARVAS Joseph, SZABO Zoltan, KOVACS Imre, TALPASI Tibor, etc.) Their writings had great effect all over the country. Several of them were prosecuted by the courts of that time and received shorter or longer jail sentences. (Here in the first place KOVACS Imre should be mentioned, who lives now in America). ERDEI Ferenc published 2-3 ^{books} on the subject at that time.

ERDEI Ferenc is a university graduate of law, son of simple, poor, peasant parents. He was connected ^{openly} with Hungarian politics first in October 1944 and became minister of interior in the first provisory Hungarian government. He did not hold this position long because after the elections this port folio was taken over by the communists. However ERDEI since that time is almost uninterruptedly in ministerial positions. He has been agricultural, justice, etc. minister. Since 1945 he is a ^{true} satellite, and servant of the communists. The communists from the first moment considered the National Peasant Party as their allies and had had executed many uncomfortable affairs through the Peasant Party. ERDEI, DARVAS, and VERES Peter executed these jobs always without any hesitation.

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ERDEI, Ferenc

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This is the explanation that ERDEI is still a minister. He has always paid and even today pays much attention to the family. He strongly supports his family. Humanly ERDEI Ferenc is a double personality, who until 1945 when he became minister, always proceeded on the road of justice and humanity.

Since then he came ^{completely} under communist influence and

he does not express individual opinion anymore. His old friends deserted him almost without exception, and disown him. He feels this but cannot do anything against it.

It is said about him that he is a secret party member.

he collaborates with the communists, and does everything that is asked from him. To use Lenin's words "He is a communist without a party" To prove how the communists appreciate ERDEI it is enough to mention that ERDEI is a permanent lecturer at the party high school where only accepted knowledge party leaders give lectures. It could be stated with clear conscience that being of the peasant party ERDEI is one of the advisers of the party in agricultural matters.

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(See; wife MAJLATH Jolan, Mrs.ERDEI and brother ERDEI, Sandor.)

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ERDEI, Sandor

brother of Ferenc the minister. ERDEI Sandor does not look at all like his brother and their way of thinking is also different. [redacted]

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Comparing the spiritual gifts of the family: they cannot be mentioned on the same day. Mrs. ERDEI, MAJLATH Jolan is the leader, she is the best read, the smartest, then comes the minister ERDEI Ferenc, and then after a long interval comes ERDEI Sandor. He [redacted] has not finished his studies at the university. After 1945 he also was connected with the life of the National Peasant Party but for a long time had no serious role there. Around 1950 he came to the ministry of peoples education and became deputy minister. Previously he was editor of the National Peasant Part paper the Szabad Nep. This job he received through his brother [redacted]

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[redacted] In the ministry among the deputy ministers he had the least influence and power. However, he regarded the party interest first and therefore he was trusted. A few months ago(maybe a year and a half ago) he was relieved from his post at the ministry and became the head of the writers Federation. Here he had the main task to give permanent and true report to the party about the thoughts, life, and problems of the writers. Therefore he filled the role of a "Politruk".(political informant). [redacted]

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[redacted] he systematically informed the party about the events and plans of the writers circle. As a result the revolt of the authprs broke out prepared (prompted) by his work. When he saw what he committed, that he delivered the writers to the mercy

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ERDEI Sandor

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of the party, he also retreated. [redacted] he has been removed from his post. [redacted]

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fundamentally he is an honestly intentioned man who however never saw adequately the connections between the events and things.

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ERDEY GRUZ, Tibor. Dr.

minister of public instruction.

Even before 1945, he had a name in scientific circles, he has been public or

private professor at the university

After 1945 he

already had a chair at the faculty.

In the winter of 1945 (in February) ERDEY GRUZ and ZILAHY Lajos as prominent figures of the intellectual life urged the creation of a Hungaro-Soviet Scientific Society. One might say that these two men laid the foundation of the now existing Hungaro-Soviet Society. (Although this would have been founded by the communists, only at a later date.)

in 1945 or 1946 he joined the communist party but had no role as yet. He has been drawn in politics gradually. First he has been charged to take care of small matters as a party member at the Academy, and later when the academy has been transformed on soviet pattern ERDEY GRUZ became the "politruk" (political trusty or comisar) with the task to bring the number of impartial scientists in balance (to reduce the non party member scientists). He expelled numerous scientists from the academy.

In the party it has been discovered very early that ERDEY GRUZ could be kept in hand through his vanity. He had been invited through the Soviet academy to the Soviet Union, and then to Poland

the chair of the minister of public instruction has been offered to him. His task here became complete sovietization of the Hungarian education system. He accepted this, and he is still minister.

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ERDEY GRUZ, Tibor Dr.

His secretary is SZAKACS Aranka. Former professor or teacher.

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ERDEY GRUZ selected her as his secretary. Before ERDEY GRUZ became minister, he has been the secretary general of the Academy of Sciences.

FARKAS,
FARKAS, Michael.

He belongs to the highest leadership of the communist party.

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His original name was WOLF Max. He was printer's

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helper at Kassa(Kosice) and from there he joined the communist movement.

His name became

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known in Hungary in the fall of 1944 and at the beginning of 1945. From 1941 he agitated among the Hungarian prisoners of war in Russia. In the party he belonged to the inner circle of RAKOSI from the first ~~moment~~ moment, for a long time it seemed that he was RAKOSI's deputy, and followed him in party rank. During the fall of 1945 for a short time he was defense minister (secretary of state for defense). However at this post he proved in a few weeks that he is not up to this job. He received the task, with PETER Gabor and some other leaders to prepare for the civil war. The small landholders party and the bourgeois parties were very strong at that time. If they would have grabbed the power then the communist would have forced their own rule REVAI even with the provocation of a civil war. REVKI Joseph talked about this also. For this purpose the communists had secret arm depots (one in the cellar of the Atheneum press in the Miksa street, another in the cellar of the Gellert Hotel etc.) under FARKAS's supervision. At the same time he was the organiser and leader of the shore guard(at that time called as organising guard). He was member of the parliament from the first moment. He was member of the highest party organisation, the political committee, until 1955. For a long time he was active in the party as Rakosi's deputy. He became member of the government when the communists on Soviet instructions started the organisation of the army. He became minister of defense and received from one hour to the

FARKAS, Michael.

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other the rank of colonel-general. He is the TITO-GOERING type man who creates his own uniform in which he resembles a decorated Christmas tree. With the help of Soviet experts his name is connected with the creation of the Hungarian army.

During the NEP era (NAGY Imre period) he changed his political faith so much that RAKOSI dropped him completely. Already he did not enter the NAGY Imre government. Previously he raised his rank to generalship.

At this time he performed seemingly important functions in the party in the direction of agricultural problems. The kolkhoz organisation and the co-operative movement were under his care. A few months ago the party reprimanded him publicly and he was excluded from the political committee and his name erased from the members of the central leadership. 25X1
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FARKAS, Michael

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The sport also belonged to FARKAS on the highest line. This line he represented at the political committee and the council of ministers. He was a passionate tennis player and regularly frequented the Vasas tennis court on the Pasaret street where he played with the best Hungarian tennis stars: SZIRMAY Dezso, ASBOTH Joseph, ADAM Andras, VAD dezso, FEHER Kalman etc.

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He speaks a very good Russian, as defense minister he frequently visited Moscow. On that remembered information meeting (Cominform meeting?) where TITO was branded and expulsed, ^{among others} he represented the Hungarian party. He was one of the organisers and directors of the anti-TITO attacks and slanders. He prepared border incidents and took great part in their arrangements as minister of defense. It could be stated with assurance that after RAKOSI, he FARKAS was the main champion of the anti-TITO campaign. When the Bulgarians went to Belgrad for the Canossa trip FARKAS Michael was the first among Hungarian politicians who raised his voice for TITO.

During the TITO case he demanded the arrest of ROB Anton Yugoslav nationality representative. ROB escaped the country before he could be arrested. This incident for instance happened at the corridor of the parliament and could not be denied.

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FARKAS, Michael

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[redacted] he has a son. FARKAS Vladimir, a higher officer of the AVH.
FARKAS does not show himself in public with his wife [redacted]

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[redacted] He had a part and wanted to have a part in everything
from the RAJK case to the liquidation of the social democrates and to the
Mindszenty case. His greatest sin; the incorporation of the peoples army
into the Soviet war machine.

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FOLDVARI, Rudolf.

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He has been physical(industrial)worker. Before 1945 he has worked at several ~~fact~~ factories at Budapest. After 1945 he performed various functions at the former Hoffherr-Schrantz-(Clayton-Shuttleworth) tractor plant. Together with ZSOFINYECZ Michael, they directed the liquidation of the social democrats at the plant. After the execution of these plans, he became the secretary of the united Party of Hungarian Workers in the large plant. From there, ^{it} was only one small spring to his further progress. First he became second and later first secretary of the party committee of the district and then from there he entered the central party machinery. The highest position that he reached so far was his post as first secretary of the Great-Budapest party organisation. He also became member of the central management of the party, but here he made several sharp criticizing speeches and when everybody waited and expected that he will receive a more serious, greater role, he has been pushed in the background. He has been sent down to Borsod county as first secretary- ^{to replace} instead of KOVACS Istvan. It is true though that the carrier of KOVACS started here.

FOLDVARI [redacted] was not glad to leave Budapest. He believed that he will become minister. [redacted]

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At present FOLDVARI is master of life and death at Miskolc. They believe about him that he tries to be even stronger handed than KOVACS Istvan was. Inasmuch as Miskolc is the industrial center of the country, the direction ^(and the supervision) of the industrial production of a significant part of the country belongs under FOLDVARI.

FRISS, Istvan.

He is the head of the economic section attached to the central organ of the Party. Among the Hungarian communists he is one of the most important economic expert. He had many and embittered disputes of economic nature with GERO Erno. FRISS joined the communist movement in 1919 as a son of a Budapest manufacturer. Therefore using communist language he is of capitalist origin. [redacted] 25X1

there is no one else at the central of the party that would hate capitalism so ardently as FRISS. After the fall of the commun(1919) he reached Moscow and soon he worked in the proximity of VARGA Jeno on the solution of various economic problems.

After coming back to Hungary he took over the direction of economic matters at the central of the party. He is the member of the Central Committee. He lives presently in a villa at the Szemlohegy street. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] 25X1
 He went to highschool with a certain PALASTI Ladislas, reporter, now working at the Ludas Matyi weekly. PALASTI was without work during 1949 and 1950. He asked help from FRISS, but FRISS has not even received him. In 1950 the Radio Free Europe on the "Free Hungary" part broadcasted a list of names of newspapermen who according to the broadcast - the speaker(announcer) ^{was} LAZAR Miklos, who is still working there - were the penetration agents of the AVH. Inasmuch as PALASTI's name was also mentioned and at this time he was still out of job he wrote a letter to FRISS again mentioning the accusation of the Radio Free Europe and the fact that in spite of his convictions he cannot find a place to work. About two weeks after that PALASTI Ladislas was the inside member of the Ludas Matyi satirical paper with a pay of 2000 forint per month, [redacted] 25X1

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GELLERT, Andras.

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nephew

GELLERT is the first ~~son~~ of FOGARASI Bela, professor, the first ideologist of the Party of Hungarian Workers. GELLERT graduated from highschool and then with the help of FOGARASI has been employed by the Hungarian Radio as a newspaperman. On his uncle's prompting he joined the ~~party~~. However in the party he has not performed any active work. FOGARASI had him sent out to Moscow and after a few weeks stay an altogether different GELLERT returned to Hungary. He buried himself in the party work, and studied marxism day and night. The former apolitical boy began to play politics. First he has been sent out ~~to~~ by the Hungarian Radio to the Soviet Union for experiment exchange, and when he returned he became deputy section head, and later was sent to a six months term party shhool. At present he attends the highest party school. He finished the first two years with distinction as first of ~~in~~ his class. After graduation from this latter mentioned school GELLERT shall be again sent to the Soviet Union for a year of postgraduate work and then shall enter the Hungarian political life.

He is a well (smooth)

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mannered, very sympathetic young man. He who a few years ago repeatedly stated that he should be left alone, he does not want to have anything to do with politics, today since his uncle FOGARASI introduced him to politics, says that Hungary shall belong for decades attached to the Soviet block. The West has no power to detach Hungary (from the Soviet block) and therefore the opportunity is open that he should fill a leading position here - for this it is worthwhile to study.

Despite the fact that he graduated from the highest party school, GELLERT is not biased. He reads Western papers and follows the events (with interest). He has a wife, they would like to have a child this year.

GELLERT, Andras.

He has been already told, that after the finishing of this school, the party shall place him in the party propaganda machinery. In his circle of friend everybody calls GELLERT already as, comrade minister. But, joking aside, in two three years time GELLERT shall be one of the directors of the communist propaganda machinery. GELLERT is a well intentioned, straight character man.

GERÖ, Erno (Ernest)

This is not his real name. Allegedly he was SILBER or SILBERSTEIN and he is the son of the Rabbi of Ujpest. Ujpest is one of the suburbs of Budapest. He joined communism in 1918 1919 and worked in the redaction of the "Red News" in the Visegradi street.

In the years between 1925-1930 some small communist cell was discovered and he was a member of this group. Allegedly he spent a year or a year and a half in jail which fact is very much publicized but I have not found any proofs concerning this.

Around 1930 he appeared in Moscow and lived there until 1944. During this time he learned the Russian language perfectly. In the meantime he was employed by the foreign language publishing concern of by the redaction of the Pravda.

In the fall of 1944 he also returned to Hungary. From the beginning he acted as RAKOSI's deputy. They divided the work, that RAKOSI took care chiefly of the political matters and GERO played himself up into the role of economic expert. The transformation of the Hungarian economic life into the communistic system was executed by GERO. For the today misery of the people GERO is responsible more than RAKOSI is. To raise his individual popularity the system proclaimed GERO as the motor of reconstruction, as the initiator of rebuilding. In 1945-57 the slogan came into being "Long live GERO the builder of bridges" However this seemed to be too much for RAKOSI, and Gero's popularity just disappeared from one day to the other.

His first disappointment came in 1946 during the Paris peace negotiations. America and the Western powers accepted the Soviet proposals for the border rectifications of the country. It was that about one millions of Hungarians will will belong to us and not to Czechoslovakia and Rumania. For the support of the Hungarian point of view GERO went to Paris but there MOLOTOV and ~~the~~ his men practically ignored GERO. They had to publish in the Hungarian papers that Gero spends his vacation in France.

GERO, Erno(Ernest)

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GERO is the planner of the three year plan through which my country took the road of planned economy. He made the five year plan also. Therefore he is responsible for the neglect of the Hungarian agriculture and the forced incomprehensible industrialization. His greatest sin is Stalin-varos (Stalin-city) and the Budapest subway plannings. This latter has cost inexpressible expenses to the Hungarian people. GERO was informed by experts that the Budapest subsoil is not suitable for subway building but GERO accepted the ~~exceedingly~~ groundless Soviet opinions and gave definite orders for the construction, which is at a standstill today. It cannot be realized because of the soil formation and constitution.

Since 1945 GERO always filled important positions. First he was a member of the National Chief Council, later became minister and has this post since then. He has been minister of commerce, industry, commerce and transport, later transport and post, then second president of the ministers council, for a short time in the NAGY Imre era minister of interior and presently president first deputy of the ministers council. He is the top economy man of the government. He always had to fight for this position in the party and even today he has to struggle with FRISS Istvan.

[redacted] It is a talk about him that he is a

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general of the Soviet army and acquired Soviet citizenship in the years of the 1940s.

He lived in harmony with his wife FAZEKAS Elisabeth when he returned ~~from~~ to Hungary. About two years ago he divorced his wife and had her transferred from Budapest. She teaches history at the Szeged university. [redacted]

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KOKENY Michael and KARCZAG Imre are his principal councillors. They are still in service today and fill smaller and larger posts in the direction of the Hungarian economic life.

GERO, ERno(Ernest)

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GERO is known as a puriavn man who never dealt in business for his own privat profit. He conducted the liquidation of the PETER Gabor case from the Hungarian part.

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GERO is hated among the communist leaders maybe even more than RAKOSI. He was never seen smiling.

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He was the

moral arbiter among the party leaders

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He has two offices. One in the central of the party, at the Akademia street, and yhe other one in the parliament building as deputy president of the council of ministers.

[redacted] he has especial protectors in Moscow, and when he was brought to answer as responsible for the economic crisis at the beginning of the NAGY Imre era, Moscow stopped the process.

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GOMORI, Endre

newspaperman.

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In 1945 he started at the "Szabad Nep" as foreign news reporter. From the paper he has been transferred to various foreign ~~posts~~ diplomatic posts.

He has traveled on the West also. Since three or four years he is the foreign political editor of the Hungarian Radio. At the same time he is a member of the foreign political information service functioning inside of the party that prepares a general foreign political information sheet for the more important leaders of the party.

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GOMORI has a beautiful wife

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GOMORI is the author of the majority

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of the Peace Council books, that treat actual political problems.

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GOSZTONYI, Janos. secretary of the DISZ Management.(DISZ Democratic Youth Federation).

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GOSZTONYI is a professor, he is graduate of a university, has professor's diploma. At the university he has been connected with communist work. When graduated, he did not take up a teaching job but the party ordered him in the DISZ. Here, he mostly handles university and high school student's problems. He is considered as having a razor-sharp brain.

Already years ago he came into ~~thinks~~ fairly close contact with Mihailov, the first secretary of the Soviet Komsomol, who today is already the first secretary of the Moscow Party Committee. On his invitation GOSZTONYI visited also Moscow. GOSZTONYI prepared the plans according to which the DISZ movement has been organized at the universities and high schools. He forced the ~~teachers~~ high school teachers (the younger ones) to join the DISZ work(organisation).

Generally, he handles the educated classes. He has an independent opinion, and on his field of work he ~~if~~ tries to solve the problems according to the Hungarian conditions and peculiarities and does not want to copy everything from the Soviet Union. Today, his name is fairly well known in Hungary.

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GYORE, Joseph.

first deputy of the minister of interior.

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Naturally, GYORE is a party member. Since 1945 he is working in the party machinery. For years he has been first secretary of the county party committee, in Szabolcs-Szatmar counties. His seat has been at Nyiregyhaza. When for the chair of the minister of interior a grey men became necessary GYORE was presented. After a short ministership he has been made over into a deputy minister and now for a few months already he is first deputy of the minister of interior who among others has authority over the police.

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HARASZTI, Sandor

Newspaperman, father in law of LOSONCZI. He was connected with the communist movement in Yugoslavia. In the Hungarian life he became active only after 1945. First he was a deputy of the party at the newspapermen's federation and later became general editor of the "Szabadsag" a morning paper of the party. From here he ~~became~~/^{the} was transferred to the agitation and propaganda section of the central of the party. Here he was arrested. The accusation; that he spied for TITO. Naturally this was not true at all but still he spent two or three years ^{chief} in prison. After his release he became ^{chief} editor of the "Béke & Szabadsag" paper ("Peace and Liberty"). Later he was pensioned and complained that he cannot live on his pension. The party charged him with the proofreading of the "Társadalmi Szemle" (Sociological Bulletin) scientific magazine. He is still in this job. He is a broken man who is disillusioned in the whole communist idea.

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HARTAY, Istvan Dr.

Director of the Radio Office.

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At the university HARTAY got acquainted with communist and leftist ideas. He did some smaller and larger services to the student organisation^s that were under communist influence and they trusted him. After graduation the party placed him immediately at the then existing information ministry as an employee. Here he had to observe the rural paper as to whether they carry the country political directives properly. Here he actively participated in the party life and his prestige, power, and influence grew day by day. As the party started to grab the power Hartay also progressed. In 1948 he is already deputy head of the publicity (press-information) section of the ministry, and in 1950 he is the head of the press information bureau of the peoples education ministry. From this position with temporary mandate he became the head of the Radio. For years he has been the first man of the radio because BENKE Valeria has been put over him only in the summer of 1955.

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HARUSTYAK, Joseph, labor union leader.

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He has been a worker in the chemical industry and as such participated even before 1945 in the social-democratic movement. Even after 1945 he remained in the social-democratic party. When the communists prepared the annihilation of the social-democratic party HARUSTYAK was brought to the front. A few times the communist leaders had conversation with HARUSTYAK and painted a rosy picture about his possible future successes if he is willing to co-operate. Soon, HARUSTYAK accepted the role of disintegrator. With communist help he was elected secretary of the chemical workers union and as such he could demand a place for himself in the leadership of the party. This he received and from this time on he became the leader of the leftist group (the fraction sympathizing with the communists). He has a great share in the annihilation of the party. When the workers party ~~ies~~ merged in the Party of the Hungarian Workers, the communists pushed their man HARUSTYAK to the foreground. Here it has to be explained that the agreement between the two parties was made on parity basis and the jobs were partitioned between members of the two parties. However the communists when filling the posts allotted to the former social-democratic party, always tried to put in the positions those social-democrats who were communist sympathizers and so their men. This way HARUSTYAK also came in the fore. First he was made president of the Labor Unions of the Country, member of parliament and for a while even became member of the political Committee of the Party of the Hungarian Workers. However, slowly he was squized out of these positions and today he is only representative (MP) and member of the 25X1 presidency of the SZOT (Labor Unions of the Country). [Redacted]

[Redacted] 25X1 The old social-democrats remember him as the first traitor of the workers. Several times he was also sent to conventions (congresses) abroad. [Redacted]

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Namely, when HARUSTYAK was elected with communist help as secretary of the chemical workers(social-democratic party) labor union and became member of the highest management of the social-democratic party, he forwarded numerous papers, requests to the communists, in which individual social-democrat criticized the communist arbitrarinesses(excesses), criticized the behavior of the members of the soviet army in Hungary. Among others these were the parts of the convincing evidences upon which many former publicly esteemed social-democratic leaders were arrested, were put in prison, or were sent to concentration camps.

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HAZAI, Jeno

first deputy of the minister of defense.

HAZAI became a well known personality in Hungary

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he became first deputy to the minister of

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defense and the chief of the Main political group. Until then he only served in his general's capacity.

Even before 1945 HAZAI participated in the illegal leftist activity. The blond-haired, balding HAZAI has been known by us even before 1945 as a careerist (climber) who repeatedly aired that we shall see what he shall do in case of a change (of the regime).

At this time (1943, 1944) he went on the social-democratic road.

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he was a member of the social-democratic party. However, after 1945, he very soon turned his back to the social-democratic party and joined the communists.

For years now, he is a soldier. He attended various schools at Moscow, and as a general served at the ministry of defense.

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he learned a lot, and forcefully demanded in the army the unrestricted application of Soviet methods.

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HAZI, Arpad.

minister of the state control.

Before 1945, he has been a taylor in some small city around Budapest

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Already at this time he sympathized with communism. After

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1945 he immediately joined the communist party and became commissioner for Pest county. Here he ~~has~~ been master of life and death. From this post he became at the head of the State Control Central. He has been in very close connection with RAKOSI from 1945 on. RAKOSI and his wife are the godparents of HAZI's children. At that time (1946-47) christening of children has not been prohibited yet, and great reports appeared in the Hungarian papers about the baptism.

The AEK (Allami Ellenorzesi Kozpont- State Control Central) ^{head, HAZI} made his name infamous because he ^{sent} very many honest people to jail as ones who unfaithfully handled state property. When RAKOSI needed a reliable minister of interior HAZI took over this post and has been a stronghanded man there also until the end. When he had to leave that post he went back to the head of the AEK and is still there, ^{however} ~~however~~ this central has become a ministry since.

A few months ago HAZI went to the limit when he called up the population of the country that every report of public interest (where socialist production is impeded) should be reported to him personally and he as minister and his deputies will receive personally the informers and even reward them with prizes. His name is also attached to the law for the creation of an office for the public interest denunciations. In plain Hungarian this means that if you do not like something denounce it. They will take care of him. This might be called ~~the~~ AVH on the economic line. All the shops, factories and enterprises are under his control, as a last forum.

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HAZI, fnu .

major general

he is the brother of HAZI Arpad. He is the commander of the
Hungarian Air Force.

been a worker and came in the army after 1946. He did not understand anything
about flying but with unbelievable great will power he educated himself into
a fairly good expert. He also attended schools in Moscow.

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HAZI has

HEGEDUS, Andras (Andrew)

At present he is the prime minister of the Hungarian Peoples Republic. He is from Tolna county, his father belonged to the middle class, there are several persons in his family who ~~belong to~~ could be considered kulaks because they own 35-40 acres.

Before and during the war he studied at the Budapest Technical university. According to my knowledge he never participated in the anti-German and anti-war activities of the university students. Today there are rumors in circulation about him that he was one of the organizers of the university leftist movements but this is mildly described a lie. Today he even states he was in prison for these activities.

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Right away in 1945 he started to work on the communist line. However the party preferred SZALAY Bela in the front instead of HEGEDUS, He started to appear in the NEKOSZ the Peoples College Movement.

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around this time he gained the confidence(graces)

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of REVAI Joseph who introduced HEGEDUS to RAKOSI Matyas as an educated young man who is adaptable for any kind of work and is reliable from the point of view of the party.

During 1946 and 1947 at the university HEGEDUS accepted bigger parts in the interest of communist propaganda. From the university he went to the Central of the party

When the party needed new fac

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sons of the Hungarian soil, and not Moscovites and those of Jewish origin, Rakosi produced HEGEDUS. He was hardly 30 years old when he became minister. Previously he participated in various party schools and courses. He started his ministership by swearing allegiance to RAKOSI and showed himself as a completely true RAKOSI man. This was necessary by the simple reason because from the RAKOSI gang there was only GERO left the others were dropped, fell.

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RAKOSI wanted to surround himself with new, young men. His biggest promise was DONATH Ferefin who for a long time was the chief of his secretariat but ~~he~~ was in jail at that time, just released, so RAKOSI needed new men. HEGEDUS Andras and SZALAY Bela were discovered this way.

During his ministership HEGEDUS was a great believer and advocate of the kolkhozisation. With grim determination he started to learn Russian and in every disputed matter took RAKOSI's view. During the prime ministership of NAGY Imre as deputy ~~minister~~ president of the council of ministers he informed RAKOSI of every move NAGY Imre and GERO Erno made with the result that RAKOSI recommended him to the Soviet embassy and Soviet leaders.

When evidence was needed against NAGY Imre - speeches,articles etc - HEGEDUS became the witness for the prosecution. The conclusion: first he became first deputy president of the council of ministers, then president of the council. he is the youngest prime minister of the world. In everything he is a true follower of RAKOSI, and his disciple. His only rival is SZALAI Bela, feared by HEGEDUS.

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HEGEDUS is married, lives on the ROzsa hill, Before he had a home at Diana street on the Szabadsag hill. He is despised by his family and many of his relatives do not communicate with him.

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HIDAS, Istvan.

deputy president of the council of ministers.

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HIDAS belongs to the younger set, he is close to 40 years old. He has been party secretary at [redacted] one of the larger manufacturing plants, he has been raised from there and made minister.

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RAKOSI raised HIDAS next to himself because HIDAS is of worker family origin, he is christian, and ~~he~~ because he is not to be feared for his knowledge. This way, as one who follows his leader blindly, he is in this high position now for years. He filled several ministerial posts, he was steel furnace and machine industry minister, later semi heavy machine industry minister, and heavy industry minister.

[redacted] he is now steel furnace and machine industry minister and at the same time deputy for the president of the council of ministers. RAKOSI also named him member of the central management and later had him elected in the Political Committee,

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He is less known in Hungary, and generally cannot be considered popular.

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HOLLOS, Ervin,

He is directing the foreign affairs of the DISZ(Democratic Youth Federation).

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[redacted] he speaks several languages fluently. Travels abroad many a times. Generally, at youth congresses he represents the Hungarian youth.

At World Youth Federation that has a site at Budapest, HOLLOS represents the Hungarian colors(Hungary). He is a young man, cannot be older than 26 years.

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HORVATH, Marton.

head of the editorial committee of the "Szabad Nep" (Free People). daily.

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His original name is SCHILLER Marton, [redacted] came from a very well to do bourgeois family. His sister is the widow of NOTI Karoly bourgeois writer, whom HORVATH hardly recognizes now.

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In his youth he got acquainted with communist ideas. Soon he has been arrested and spent several years at the Margit Boulevard military prison. At the end of 1944 or at the beginning of 1945 he has been released and since then fills important roles in the party. At first he became the deputy manager of the "Szabad Nep" (Free People) the central paper of the party. At this time the paper has been managed by REVAI Joseph. When REVAI became minister, HORVATH took over the direction of the daily. He is also a member of the central management of the party. Since 1945 he is member of the parliament without interruption. HORVATH chiefly is interested in cultural problems and the smart writers fear him just as they did from REVAI. He is a very ~~smart~~ man in jockeying for a position. An example: During the prime ministership of NAGY Imre, the voice of the "Szabad Nep" became milder. When this policy has been discontinued(liquidated) the Szabad Nep has been reproached also. Several men have been fired(PATKO Imre, MERAY Tihor, DAKI Terez, FEHER Lajos, deputy manager. etc.) but HORVATH Marton who directed the whole paper has been left at this job. He suffered no harm at all.

Another small picture to show his character: VADAS Gyula Dr., former editor of the defunct "Nemzeti Sport" (National Sport, sport paper(before 1945) used to live in his nice villa at No.37. Szemlohegyi street. HORVATH wanted to move in to this house and gave 24 hours to VADAS to move out. Next day AVH men appeared

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HORVATH, Marton.

and moved out VADAS's belongings. HORVATH sent the AVH men, and they took care of the moving and placed VADAS in an apartment in the Vorostorony street. HORVATH had to move to the VADAS place because he had acquaintances ^{living} in the neighborhood.

The actors and play wrights fear HORVATH. His late brother-in-law NOTI Karoly the well known comedy play wright looked at the world through the glasses of bourgeois complacency - HORVATH did not understand this attitude and attacked him publicly. His sister, NOTI's ~~approached~~ wife reproached him saying "When you were in jail and we brought food for you the ^W we were good enough for you but now that you are on the top nobody is good for you."

HORVATH is member of parliament since 1945. He is also a member of the Central Party Management. There was time when Horvath was the director of the propaganda, ~~section~~ cultural and art-section of the Central Management.

JANOSI, Ferenc, former deputy minister, son-in-law of NAGY Imre, president of the council of ministers.

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JANOSI's carrier has been formed very interestingly. He is from Vasarosnameny (or from the close vicinity), graduated from highschool there, went to Debrecen to the Reformed church theological college, and became reformed priest(Calvinist). As a young preacher he returned to the region where he was brought up and soon was connected with politics, and participated in the back ground activities. He sympathized very strongly with nazism. During the second world war he voluntarily reported for military service. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ As a military chaplain he was still strongly a friend of the nazis. He was sent to the Russian front and there quickly observed the barbarous cruelties of the nazis and the Hungarian arrow soldiers. As he related "My eyes opened soon and I saw that we are fighting for injustice." At the front he has seeked the friendship of simple Hungarian decently thinking soldiers, and when he was convinced that the Germans have lost the war he has searched for connections toward the partizans. He soon found it. He has set free two-three sentenced partizans in secret before their execution. Later he has built up closer connections and even has obtained arms for them. His behavior was suspicious to his fellow officers but no proof could be found against him. One day the walking priest has been captured by a partisan group who took him to a forest for execution. With great difficulty he had himself understood that he has helped another parizan group for months. This has been proved and JANOSI went over to this group and for a while participated in the partisan fights against the Germans and the Hungarians and later he was sent to Moscow. Here he had long conversations with the leaders of the communists ~~leaders~~ living in exile. He was sent to political schools and it is a fact that at the end of 1944 JANOSI returned to Hungary as one of the founders of the new Hungarian democratic army. At this time he had colonel's

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rank. He got acquainted with the daughter of NAGY Imre, whom he soon married. For years he served in the ministry of defense, as a colonel, enjoying the complete confidence of the Russians. From here he was transferred to the ministry of Peoples Education as deputy minister. This happened when LOSONCZI Geza was arrested. When DARVAS became minister, JANOSI was already first deputy minister and in fact he was the minister. In this position he completely served(satisfied) the Soviet requirements. When his father-in-law NAGY Imre became president of the council of ministers, in 1953, JANOSI left the ministry of peoples education, became head of the secretariat of the council of ministers.

JANOSI had a very great power in this position. In the meantime when the National Peoples Front was revived the post of general secretary was filled with Janosi also. When NAGY Imre became ill and his position became shattered, Janosi's standing turned out to be shaky also. When NAGY Imre left his post JANOSI has been relieved from his position as head of the secretariat of the council of ^{general} ministers. He has been also discharged of his post as ^{general} secretary of the National Peoples Front organisation.

For a few weeks JANOSI loafed around without any jobs, however he received his salary as a deputy minister. Later he was nominated as director of the Jozsef Attila and Petofi museums. This is a honorary position without any power. In November 1955 he still filled this position.

His wife speaks a very good Russian and has worked at the editorial offices of the "Vengrija" a Russian language magazine published in Hungary. They live together with the NAGY Imres in a villa.

Anew change has been observed in JANOSI's when he was deprived of all of his positions. For instance he was prepared that he will be arrested. He proclaimed that his father-in-law could not be arrested because he always acted with the full knowledge of the party. As long as JANOSI had his position as deputy minister

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he did not like the newspapermen but when he fell, he went every day to the newspapermen's club and tried to make friends among the members. The above observations were made there.

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Here, the fact has to be stated(verified) that NAGY Imre was really sick when he was president of the council of ministers, and that was no political sickness. This has been repeatedly stated by JANOSI and his wife also.



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JOBORU, Magda Dr.

at present deputy minister.

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She is a university graduate and

has a teacher's

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diploma. Entered the communist party in 1945 and since then serves the cause with heart and soul. She has been active in various mass-organisations for years.

(MNDsz- Magyar Nok Democratikus Szovetsege- Hungarian Women Democratic Federation,

Nemzeti Segely -National Assistance, etc.) From these organisation she has been

transferred to some leading positions of teachers unions, and later to the ministry of instruction as deputy minister. At present she is the first deputy of the

minister, and the direction ~~of~~ and supervision of highschool instruction belongs

under her jurisdiction. Smart, well read woman.

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Generally she is known in Hungary as one who carries out the party's

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will under any circumstances.

A few months ago there was a story running around in newspapermen circles about her; (around the spring of 1955); it was a custom among political leaders that they gladly married Russian girls that helped their ambitions (and career).

JOBORU reversed the process and had herself married by a Russian man. She got acquainted with a Russian soldier at Budapest, a teacher in civilian life, who married her. The husband is being taught now by the best Hungarian teachers to use the Hungarian language.

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KADAS, Istvan,

one of the secretaries of the DISZ(Democratic Youth Federation) management.

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[redacted] He is from one of the suburb cities of

Budapest, [redacted] from Rakoskeresztur and still lives there.

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A few years ago together with DENES, KADAS filled the most important position at the DISZ. When DENES has been transferred KADAS became the first man.

There was a time when KADAS was also a member of the central management of the Party of Hungarian Workers. [redacted]

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[redacted] today KADAS feels that he is neglected.

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Despite this he is still a faithful communist. Namely, now he is not the first secretary. In the DISZ he handles chiefly sport and educational matters. He is still member of the parliament.

He often travels abroad, usually with sport teams, and also to various youth movements (conventions). One could say that KADAS enjoys the complete confidence of RAKOSI, on the youth line.

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KALLAI, Gyula.

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at present deputy of the peoples education minister.

[redacted] in 1942 [redacted] KALLAI has been a newspaperman at [redacted] 25X1

the editorial offices of the "Nepszava" (The Peoples Voice). He already has been a communist at that time and member of the illegal communist party. After the 19 of March 1944, he also had to retrait into illegality (underground). When the communist party of Hungary had to be discontinued by tactical reasons and the "Peace Party" has been formed, KALLAI became one of the leaders. After 1945 KALLAI became immediately ~~communist~~ representative in the ~~parliament~~ of the communist party and became editor of one of the party's papers. From here he has been transferred with secretary of state rank in the information ministry of that time, and later, after filling various important political positions, he became minister of foreign affairs.

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KALLAI, as minister of foreign affairs, has been detained. He has been charged that he urged the discontinuation of the party way back in 1944 and urged the formation of the Peace Party. This is all true, and is a fact, however KALLAI acted on instruction from Moscow. For this crime he spent close to two years in jail, and was released only about a year ago. After a few weeks recuperation he received his membership card, became full right party member and was placed at the peoples education ministry as deputy minister. At present his jurisdiction covers the book publishing, the supervision of folks art and its direction. His life has been very varied and also tragic. One part of his schooling has been at Berettyoujfalu, where his parents were small artisans. Later he went to Debrecen, where he connected the "March Front" progressive youth movement and became one of the leaders. From Debrecen he went to Budapest, was employed at editorial offices of the "Nepszava" (The Peoples Voice). In 1942 he is already

KALLAI, Gyula.

political editor of the social-democratic paper, however at this time he was already known as one of the leaders of the illegal communist party. After the 19 of March 1944, [redacted] he also had to go underground. 25X1

He emerged in 1945, but in the meantime naturally he actively participated in the underground work. He also, has been present at the negotiations conducted with governor Horthy, with the subject that the Hungarian workers should be armed (be supplied with arms) against the Nazis. In 1943 or in 1944 he published a book of great interest about the Hungarian poet Petofi. In 1945 it was revealed that he was not the author of this book, it was written by REVAI Joseph in Moscow and arrived to Hungary through a round about channel and printed and published at Budapest under KALLAI's name.

After 1945 his parents received a house as a gift at Bekasmegyer, a former Swabian (German) house. They received the home of an expropriated German family. However, one night the old KALLAI couple have been murdered with ax by unknown persons who have not been found even today. KALLAI married a young sculptress whom he courted already in 1943. While KALLAI has been in prison the wife divorced him and connected her life with someone else. When KALLAI has been rehabilitated and released from prison by the communists, he had no one (to turn to). For a few days he was sheltered at his former secretary. When he became deputy minister he received first a furnished apartment at the Szekely Bertalan street and then later a villa on the Szabadsag hill. Today he lives there.

KALLAI is an individual of tragical fate. He believed in communism from his younger days and had to be disappointed in this belief the most. For this ~~far~~ faith he lost his parents, his love deserted him while he was in prison (he got acquainted with his wife during the party work). When he has been released from prison his speech has been -understandably- very reserved. It could be observed on his every move, the ~~fear~~ from and the aversion toward the cause. All that he said was that

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KALLAI, Gyula.

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"Life is but a whole series of disappointments"



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KALMAN, Gyorgy. Dr.

Received his lawyers diploma at the Budapest university. Immediately became prosecutor at the Budapest peoples court. Here he worked for a relatively short time because the party transferred him into another position. In 1950 he has been ~~one of the traitors of the social-democratic party~~ already the head of the secretariat of KISS Arpad, minister, (he was one of the traitors of the social-democratic party and therefore the communists kept him). Here too, KALMAN had the job to keep an eye on his chief and report everything (to the communists).

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inside of the party machinery and now he is carried on. He openly admitted that his plan and desire: to be minister in five years. 25X1

KALMAN is a sharpminded, well deliberated in his expressions.

He comes from a bourgeois family. His best friend is KADAR, Miklos Dr. chief-main legal adviser of the party.

KARCZAG, Imre, former Hungarian president of the Mutual Aid Committee(Council).

Engineer.

Before

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1945 he was an engineer. He could not make a serious success.

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[redacted] he was called up in 1943 for labor service, and served in the vicinity of Zombor(now Yugoslavia). There he behaved shamefully, he did some smaller or larger favors for his laborservice comrades but only for money.

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This he could do because he was on good terms with ~~the~~ some of the guards of the labor unit. ^{His} ~~The~~ labor service comrades despised him for this.

After 1945 his carrier started upward. At the beginning of the start he attached himself to GERO Erno and in the same year joined the communist party. First, he filled a very important job at the ministry of Transports, and for a while worked as GERO's deputy in the economic top organisation, the Council of the Peoples Economy. He also was vice president of the Country Planning Office.

After such preliminaries he graduated from the Red Academy, learned even Russian and was delegated as Hungary's representative in the Mutual Economic and Aid Council. (This is the economic chief organisation of the Soviet block.) For several years he was busy here and then by some reason unknown to me he was fired from one day to the other. For some time he was without employment, and then GERO Erno again gave him a hand and in the summer of 1955 after a few months idleness, he was nominated as section chief at the Ministry of Transports.

KARCZAG lives in the second or third house of the Pasareti street in an apartment of three rooms plus hall. His wife is ILOSVAY, Katalin, actress

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KARPATI, Joseph. deputy foreign minister.

In 1955 he was elected as member of the board of the Vasas-

Izzo soccer team where he played no role at all.

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KELETI, Ferenc

His name is barely known in Hungary although the executive power is concentrated in his hands all over the country. He is the head of the administrative section next to the Central Committee. To this section belong all the armed forces and the direction and supervision of the councils and war production. The daily confidential reports of the AVH are also sent to KELETI.

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Before the II world war he lived in 25X1

Czechoslovakia and was active in Slovakia. He appeared on the horizon after 1945 and first he was party secretary of Bekescsaba city, then later first secretary of the party committee of Bekes county. (Most probably he was put there for political reasons, he speaks the Slovak language and this district has the most Slovak nationality inhabitants in Hungary.) Therefore we wanted to prove that our nationality policy is different from the Czechoslovakian because at that time the Czechs deported Hungarian^s by the thousands from their territory.)

KELETI as Bekes county secretary aroused interest for himself with sharp speeches at the secretary meetings. For years now he is at the head of the administrative section. His name is not well known. He is member of the parliament and also president of the foreign policy committee. He is in charge of the list of the assembly representatives.

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KELETI also

takes care of sport matters

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The deliberations of party resolutions are also carried out through the administrative section, and the material of the Central Committee meetings and of the political committee meeting are also running through his hands.

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he lives under modest circumstances. His wife is also

employed somewhere in the party machinery. A few months ago he received a Partisan decoration. One of his proteges is GATHI Istvan, who was editor of a paper at Bekescsaba and now head of the "Szulofoldem" (My homeland) radio program. Keleti He has good friendship relation to the KOMOCSIN brother who came to Budapest from Szeged. (KOMOCSIN Illes, KOMOCSIN Zoltan.)

KELETI, Ferenc

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A few years ago (December 1953) KELETI learned about a nice apartment just emptied - three rooms, hall, etc.- at No.5. Orgona street. He right away took hold of this apartment, At this time the Hungarian soccer team just has been victorious over the British , and LORANT Gyula, the center-half of the Hungarian team asked for an apartment and mentioned the above address to FARKAS Michael. FARKAS assigned the apartment to LORANT. Since then KELETI is understandably mad at the soccer players and especially at LORANT. [redacted] 25X1

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times he traveled abroad and [redacted]

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under different names. [redacted]

[redacted] at the Soccer world championship games at Switzerland he was present 25X1

under the name of HARS. [redacted]

the Hungarian government sent out the 25X1
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wifes and family members to this game and KELETI was the group's leader. [redacted]

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[redacted] they started from the Eastern station and on the traveling list there was a name HARS, a man, and KELETI was the only man in the group. Another case: IHAROS and some companions were participating in a sport event a few months ago at London. Comrade TERENYI the director of sport matters went with the group as the delegate of the party but really KELETI traveled on TERENYI's name. [redacted]

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it is a fact that there is a person by the name of TERENYI Imre and another by the name of HARS, who are working in the party machinery.

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KENDE, Istvan.

He filled an important role in the cultural life. [redacted]

He appeared in the peoples education ministry, and has been the head of the theater and film-art main section. In this post he effected the rationalization of the actors. He also directed the party education programm of the artists. The fact that Hungarian art has been transformed ~~into~~ almost completely into a Soviet imitating(aping) art is the work of KENDE. He is not liked in artist circles, he is too much on the line, too much of a Moscow friend.

A few months ago he has been made to resign from his post and has been made the head of the Hungarian-Soviet Society. However everybody knew that his commission (assigment) is only temporary. And so it happened, someone else came to his place.

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at the various meeting^s he was always very sharply opposed that Western films should be imported to Hungary. There were a few Western films running in some Budapest movies and it hurt KENDE that they were running before full houses and he had them taken off the programs before time(was due to take them off). He is an individual active in cultural politics, and who is representing the complete Moscow line.

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KILIAN, fnu.

there is a deputy minister of imterior.

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KISS, Karoly(Charles)

At present one of the most important man of the party. President of the Central Supervision Committee. [redacted] he was a shoemakers

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helper who among others handled the publication of the party paper the "Szabad Nep". He was living in [redacted] illegality(underground organisation).

Since 1945 he is member of parliament and had various positions, among others he was minister of foreign affairs, he signed the friendship treaty with the communist Germany in Berlin. He does not speak languages, has meager education

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KISS Karoly is known as a convinced communist but besides of this he is also human. [redacted]

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[redacted] he is a just man , help people if he can, and when he was the head of the cadre(kader) section he introduced many lightening measures.

His characteristic that as a man who came from simple origin he still has an inferiority complex.

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[redacted] president he is the head of the committee in charge of supervision of the RAJK case. Also he is member of the committee that was created for research and exploration of the reasons of the economic difficulties.

He could be seen very seldom at public places. His family relations [redacted]

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[redacted] he is married. He used to go gladly to the City park Gundel restaurant to listen to gypsy [redacted] music.

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As president of the KEB(Central Supervision Committee)he is master of life and death. It is interesting that he uses this position permanently for searching the truth [redacted]

For this the Moscovites are mad at him, as someone

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who becomes absorbed in every case, and wanted to remove him from his position, but the Central Committee as one man stands by him because despite that he knows everything about everybody he never [redacted] misused his knowledge against anybody.

KISS, Karoly(Charles)

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No evidence could ever be brought up against his way of life or behavior.

He does not belong to any group or fraction he goes on his own way and with
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his honesty and immaculatness obtained an unbelievable respect which he
enjoys even today. The poeple does not know him too well, they only know
about him that he was a shoemaker.

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KOBOL, Joseph.

at present he is at the party central. He is the head of the mass organisation section of the Central Management. Therefore every mass organisation (Patriotic Peoples Front, Hungaro-Soviet Society, Hungarian Women Democratic Federation, Peace Council, etc.) all belong under his direction and supervision.

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He also participated in the illegal communist struggle during the II world war.

He has been a building (construction) worker. After 1945 he filled several important positions. He always has been trusted with unpopular tasks. He also attended various political character schools. He has been deputy mayor of Budapest (at a time when the mayor has been a member of the small landholder party), ~~he~~ has been main section head of the SZOT(Szakszerévezetek Országos Tanacs - Country Council of Labor Unions) where he has handled the labor regulations, and his name is connected with the norm restrictions. ~~The~~ he became secretary general of the Wood and Construction workers Union and from there came to the party central.

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He is a member of the party for a long time, since 1945 he is representative (member of parliament) without interruption.

When the former leaders of the Peace party

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were arrested (KADAR, KALLAY, LOSONCZI) he also was afraid of detention but when this did not happen, his big voice returned and he was again loud mouthed. According to some people KOBOL has been the witness of the prosecution in the trial of KADAR, the former minister of interior.

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KOMOCSIN, Zoltan

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KOMOCSIN Illes.

They are known in party circles as the KOMOCSIN brothers.

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After 1945, at Szeged (which at that time has been the second largest city of the country) their name became well known. They created the political police of the city and were the first ones to torture people. Their terror rule has lasted for a long enough time. From there they entered the city and then the county party machinery. Their voice and power grew larger and larger. From Szeged they came to Budapest. Both of them are employed by the party central, the one handles agricultural problems, and the other one is section head on agitation and propaganda line.

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KOMOR, Imre. newspaperman.

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KOMOR returned to Hungary from Moscow around 1948. What he did there, is a mystery, nobody knows it. In Hungary, KOMOR was placed right away at the "Szabad Nep" paper as party secretary and political director. A few weeks later he became one of the leaders of the editorial committee. After an activity of a year, or a year and a half here, he was transferred to the labor union where he directed the agitation and propaganda work. From here, he again was called back to the "Szabad Nep" paper and has been deputy head of the editorial committee. In March 1955 from this position he was promoted to the head of the ~~paper~~ "Magyar Nemzet" paper.

In newspapermen circles KOMOR is known as the most trustful man of the party on this field.

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KOSSA, Istvan

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[redacted] in 1945 [redacted]

he was vice president of the Assembly (Parliament). KOSSA Istvan graduated at some Premontreian order catholic latin high school (*****) in some Trans Danubian city. [redacted] 25X1 he became a street car conductor. It is true that at this time it was very difficult to find jobs. Maybe this was the reason that he accepted a job with the street car company after his shcooling.

There he got acquainted with socialist ideas, then went a step further and belonged to the left wing, orgahised several strikes and became a member of illegally operating communist party.

He was among the first that were sent to the Soviet front as labor service. At that time in Hungary those of leftist sentiments were collected in labor camps and sent to the Soviet front where they perished by the hundreds. This is the way KOSSA reached the front line, he participated in the DON retreat and with difficulty succeeded to become a prisoner of the Russians. When he identified himself here he was immediately picked out, sent for a few weeks rest and then to school and later followed the Soviet army and as political agitator was active in the Hungarian villages and towns, in 1944 and 1945 until the end of the war..

After the end of the war KOSSA was delegated by the communists to the labor unions and worked as president or secreatry of the labor unions. Later became the first vice president of the first assembly. In the labor union he received the task to annihilate the social-democratic opposition and this task he accomplished with difficulty. VAS Miklos the leader of the social-democratic labor union was sent to jail by KOSSA, who could not tackle him in any other way.

KOSSA, Istwan.

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The party transferred KOSSA right and left. In the first years he was the object of many attacks. The reason of these attacks was that when he arrived at Budapest in 1945 he received clothes, furniture, etc. from the Government Commission of the abandoned goods. He received some shirts that were recognized by the former owner, a Jew who came home, and for this KOSSA was attacked even in the parliament as one who plundered Jewish properties. After he was relieved from the labor union job he became deputy minister, later minister for finances and still later he was president of the Man Power Reserve Office, then first deputy president of the Planning Office, then head of the State-Church affairs Office and before that he was president of the OMB the Wage Regulation Board.

First he enjoyed great respect in the party machine but this fame slowly faded away and today he is only auxiliary member of the Central Committee and member of the parliament.

During the Horthy times,
The wife of KOSSA Istvan had to work hard to keep their two daughters because the husband did not earn much.

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KOSSA, Istvan/Istvan. -3-

KOSSA had two daughters, or still has . One daughter is chemical engineer and married SZABO Gergely, who for a time was minister, and presently is the head of the secretariat of the Council of Ministers. Soon however they were parted.

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KOSSA Istvan participated in the writing of the history of the Workers Party of Hungary. He was the author of ^{the} chapter of the 1930 years. This chapter has been written over several times on RAKOSI's orders.

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KOTELES, Jeno

major general

already during the II world war, KOTELES has been a professional soldier(officer) and served throughout the war. After 1945 he immediately enlisted in the new army and right away joined the communist party. He belongs among those officers who were the first to join the communist party. There(at the party) he has been received with enough misgivings but has been observed that KOTELES serves them in everything and therefore the confidence in him grew and grew. This went to an extent that soon KOTELES became member of the general's corps. For a while, here, he has been the highest authority of the sport matters, and later the training (chiefly infantry) belonged under his supervision.

For years it was his biggest worry that he is the only member of the general's corps who has not been yet to Moscow. Soon this desire of his also been realized.

he has been commandeered to the SovietUnion 25X1
to attend general staff(war) school.

He already began to learn 25X1
Russian at a time when that was not obligatory yet in Hungary. However, his whole appearance and behavior betray that he has been an officer of the old army. He tries to counteract and camouflage this by surrounding himself with the new worker's cadres and tries to befriend them.

He has been a good friend of TOTH Lajos, general, who is today the chief of staff of the army.

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KOVACS, Gyorgy.

Secretary of the Great-Budapest committee of the DISZ(Democratic Youth Federation).



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KOVACS, Istvan (2)

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KOVACS Istvan is the general secretary of the Hungarian Jurists (Lawyers) Federation, and also member of the International Communist Jurist Federation's presidency.

He obtained his lawyers diploma at the Budapest university.

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[redacted] he was called up for labor service during the second world war, and shipped to Ukrainia where the Hungarian Nazi soldiers mistreated him under inhuman conditions. At the first offered occasion he escaped to the Russians, unfortunately this Russian detachment was captured by the Hungarians and KOVACS came into Nazi hands again. However before his execution through a lucky incident he escaped, tho tortured.

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He came among partizans and fighting with them arrived in Hungary. Immediately he joined the communist party in 1945 and he was the man of the party from the first moment among the lawyers and on the party line. Soon he became president of the lawyers association, when the lawyers profession was also sovietized. KOVACS was the inventor and creator of this lawyers-communities.

KOVACS has no greater role in the communist party but he is on the fore in the jurist line. He is being sent to international conventions and jurists meetings as representative of Hungary.

In 1955 there was a sort of international lawyers gathering (naturally communist) at Budapest and KOVACS performed at this excellently, he received an extra praise.

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[redacted] *X* until now he did not want to take greater political role.

He is a family man, has a wife and as I know they have one child already. He enjoys the complete confidence of the Russians

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KRISTOF, Istvan.

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A few years ago he emerged from the unknown when he was made secretary general of the SZOT(Szakszervezetek Orszagos Tanacsa-Country Council of the Trade Unions)He remained in this position close to two years and at the last party congress, has been elected to the party machinery and now he is the president of the Revision Committee of the Hungarian Party of Workers.

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This is a very great position(power)

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LOSONCZI, Geza

[redacted] LOSONCZI graduated

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at the DEbrecen university, his father was a Calvinist minister and he also ministry communist prepared for the ministership. He got acquainted with the ideology very early and became the propagator of this doctrine. Around 1940 he worked at the editorial staff of the "Nepszava" social democratic paper and had the foreign policy column with GERGELY Gyozo who in 1944 was executed by the Arrow party (Hungarian Nazis) members. At this time LOSONCZI already was a member of the communist party and the socialists leaders knew about his affiliations. In 1943 he had to go underground where he lived until 1945.

In 1945 he found a place for himself as one of the leaders of the "Szabad Nep" party paper. Later became deputy head of the editorial committee. From here he became secretary of state at the prime ministry taking care of the press matters. From here he was transferred to the ministry of peoples education as first deputy of the minister REVAI Joseph. Here he fell. At a party meeting REVAI Joseph himself criticized him very strongly and accused LOSONCZI of crimes that he the minister (REVAI) committed. Soon LOSONCZI was arrested together with several companions with whom who with him were the leaders of the illegal (underground) communist party during the war and later the leaders of the Peace party.

He was released from the prison during the NAGY Imre era. In/ While in prison he contracted tuberculosis, and after he was set free he retraited to a sanatorium in the Matra mountains(Kekes plateau). From here he came to the city very seldom.

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[redacted] He was seemingly broken in spirit and did not dare to speak and always returned in conversation to this illness.

After his release from prison the party placed him in the editorial committee of the "Magyar Nemzet"

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LOSONCZI is married, his wife is the daughter of HARASZTI Sandor.

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[redacted] When LOSONCZI was arrested he was a student of medicine

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Naturally after his arrest he was expelled from the university and could finish his studies only now. For a while LOSONCZI lived with his father in law at the corner of Damjanich and Bajza streets in an apartment house but when he became deputy minister at the peoples education ministry he received a villa at the Tovis street (the street name is uncertain) . However when he was arrested his wife and his few months old child were evacuated within three hours. The wife moved back to her parents.

The men of the future.

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MAGYARI, Andras, deputy of the minister of agriculture.

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MAGYARI

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Ministry
handles the cases of the independent peasants at the ministry. He is a graduate of the Agricultural Academy. He has been several times in the Soviet Union. He is a sharpminded individual. There was a time when at the ministry he took care(handled) the matters of public alimentation of Hungary. (Grains, bread, fodder).

MAJLATH, Jolan, Mrs. ERDEI Ferenc.

ERDEI Ferenc got acquainted with his wife MAJLATH Jolan at the university;

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It could be taken for granted that in the ERDEI family it is to be thanked
to MAJLATH ^{JOLAN} Maria, the wife that ERDEI Ferenc submitted to the communists
and became a traitor of the Hungarian peasantry.

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for a long time she was the secretary general of the Institute of
Cultural Relations. This institute handled cultural problems with foreign
connections.

4. MATOLCSY, Janos,

He returned to Hungary after three

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or four years study in the Soviet Union. Right away he received various important assignments in the party machinery. Ø Here the most important was the heading of the agricultural section. For months he was the director of the principles of kolkhozisation(collectivization) of farms of Hungary, in the central of the party. From this position he was called into the Central Leadership and he also became ^a one secretary of the Central Leadership. Here too he handled mainly agricultural and village problems. A few months ago (around October 1955) he was made to resign and made minister of agriculture. This is a smaller position than the one he had before. Probably he was transferred to here because his Soviet experiences have to be tried out in practice now and not in theory. In general he is not known in Hungary. Until now he appeared very little before the public. He was an unknown person even before the people of the party(machinery) and he only worked even there in the back ground. The opinion about him is that he ~~is~~ belongs to the new Moscow set.

MEKIS, Joseph, deputy of the president of the council of ministers, member of the Political Committee of the Party of Hungarian Workers.

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Before 1945 MEKIS was an iron worker. He participated in workers movements and in the first place on the labor union line. After 1945 he entered the communist party and since then he did not do any physical work~~s~~. For a while the party entrusted him with the management of the Csepel Rakosi Works, then he has been the general secretary of the Iron Workers Union, and from there he became at the head of the SZOT (Szakszervezetek Orszagos Kozpontja) National Central of the Labor Unions. Of this position first he was named minister and then deputy president of the council of ministers. After 1953 RAKOSI put him in the Political Committee. He fills the role of a yesman there.

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MESZLENYI

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He is the political collaborator of the Great-Budapest party committee.

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Before he received his present position he has ~~not~~ served at the police or at the AVH. He is ambitious, career man. For instance he wanted very much to be editor in chief at the "Nepsport" (Peoples Sport) paper, at the time when ~~the~~ ~~paper~~ ~~had~~ ~~not~~ this job was not filled at the paper. However this has not been approved by the party central.

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MIHALYFI, Erno, minister, president of the Patriotic Front, etc.

His name MIHALYFI is a magyarized(changed) name

His father was Lutheran minister. Mihalyfi has a brother, who is manager of some factory.

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After the first world war when MIHALYFI finished his schooling he started out as a newspaperman. At the beginning of the 1930-ies he was a collaborator of the largest paper the "Az Est" and the "Magyarorszag". He ~~had~~ ^{was} the Court columnist.

The chief editor of the paper sent him to America at the end of the 1930-ies, where he spent one or one and a half years. In 1940 he is already the reader-editor of the "Az Est". From this time on he is more and more connected with politics and already in 1943 he is collaborating with BAJCSY-ZSILINSZKY Endre, the great martyr of the Hungarian struggle for liberty. At this time MIHALYFI is the chief editor of the "Fuggetlen Magyarorszag" (Independent Hungary) the newspaper of BAJCSY*ZSILINSZKY Endre (the paper appeared once a week on Mondays).

At this time he joined the bourgeois section of the small landholders party.

On the 19 of March 1944, when Hitler invaded Hungary, MIHALYFI had to go into illegality (underground) and he lived this way until January 1945.

In 1945 he began to be active in the small landholders party but at the first election he was not even nominated as a candidate. At this time he is the editor, responsible for the paper, of the "Vilag" liberal daily and editor in chief of the "Fuggetlen Magyarorszag" Monday weekly paper. However he yearns for a political carrier(position). He connects himself to TILDY Zoltan, and becomes his faithful satellite, quasi his chief of publicity. When TILDY becomes prime minister, MIHALYFI through some irregularities becomes a member of the parliament. Here from the first moment he belongs to the communist sympathizers and in the small landholders party he is ^{one of} the leaders of the "left wing liberal group".

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Soon he is minister, first he receives the portfolio of information, then substitutes for the ill foreign minister. There were times when MIHALYFI was at the same time information and foreign minister and simultaneously took care of the management of the office of president ~~TILLY~~ TILLY also.

However the communists found it proper that MIHALYFI should be the head of the president's office with ministerial rank. At this time he also participated in the highest direction of the small landholders party. MIHALYFI as head of the presidential office enjoyed the confidence of TILLY, state president, who initiated him into his innermost thoughts. MIHALYFI communicated these thoughts with the communist leaders and in the first place with RAKOSI and REVAI.

TILLY's son in law CSORNOKY Victor was conciller of legation at Washington and later minister and envoy in Cairo. CSORNOKY saw the situation clearly what the Russians have done to Hungary and would like to have his father in law TILLY go to Vienna and there ask protection and help from the Americans. This matter became urgent because KOVACS Bela general secretary of the party (small landholders) has been arrested by the Russians. Here it has to be mentioned that the ^{mass of the} so-called compromising evidence against KOVACS was furnished by MIHALYFI Erno. When MIHALYFI learned the plan that CSORNOKY prepared, he communicated ^{it} with RAKOSI. RAKOSI ran to the Russians and the matter was taken over by the Russian NKDW. Two NKDW men, disguised as American officers, connected CSORNOKI at Cairo and agreed that they will take TILLY to Vienna where he will be placed under American protection. The password in Vienna would have been "towe" (toe of the foot). When the two pseudo-Americans talked over everything with Csornoki, CSORNOKI was called back to Budapest for report-making (consultation). CSORNOKI got suspicious and called the presidential office long distance and asked what he should do. MIHALYFI answered the call and told CSORNOKI to come home urgently because there are matters to be talked over. CSORNOKI arrived at Budapest but did not have a chance to talk to TILLY, he had to go to the foreign ministry where MOLNAR Erik foreign minister already waited for him, they talked for two-three minutes and CSORNOKI left. In the ante-room

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VARADW, Gyorgy, major and four AVH men waited for him and took him in custody. PETER, Gabor, the head of the AVH informed TILDY in a letter that his son-in-law CSORNOKI has been taken in custody for treason. TILDY ran to RAKOSI, who presented him with the evidences. TILDY was told that he can save his skin, they will let him run but he has to resign. TILDY asked for a few hours to make up his mind then addressed his letter of resignation to NAGY Imre, president of the assembly at that time. For the resignation the communists guaranteed the personal safety of TILDY, and he also received a villa where he is still living in house custody(arrest) with his family.

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His smaller sin, that he participated in the clean-up of the party demanded by the communists and in the removal of the so-called reactionary elements. When DOBW Istvan became president of the party and prime minister, MIHALYFI had already a ~~big~~ deciding voice in the party. The communists did not forget his services and he filled the following positions; for a time he was president of the Institute of Cultural Relations, editor in chief of the "Magyar Nemzet" (Hungarian Nation) daily. Later, from the paper he was transferred to the Peoples Education Ministry as a deputy minister. He still fills this position. Besides of these, he is the general secretary ~~secretary~~ of the Patriotic Peoples Front, professor of the university, president of the Newspapermen's Federation, etc. He had a share in the regulation (disciplinary measures) of the Lutheran church. It could be calmly stated that MIHALYFI is the most harmful man of the Hungarian political life since 1945.

MIHALYFI, Erno.

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His first wife was the daughter of TAPAY-SZABO university professor. He divorced his first wife and in the years of the 1930-es married the daughter of FISCHER, chief rabbi of Buda. His wife is a cartoonist under the name of FILO, and is picture editor of one or two illustrated magazines at Budapest. The monthly income of the MIHALYFI family reaches 20-25.000 forints.

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MIHALYFI is of Slovak origin, he promises everything to everybody, but in the whole city of Budapest we only know of one man whom he helped. He recommended and helped STELLA, Adorjan newspaperman to get a job at the "Ludas Matyi" satiric ^{al} paper. When MIHALYFI was the minister of information and later personal minister of TILDY, he had a secretary MATOLCSY Karoly, a newspaperman.

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For reasons of objectivity it has to be stated that MIHALYFI had a great share in the direction of the anti-German struggle. However, even at this time he did not risk his own hide and always sent others to the more dangerous places.

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^{vice}
He is the ~~president~~ of the Peace Council. The communist government sends Mihalyfi abroad gladly, especially to places where non-communist is more welcome. For instance, MIHALYFI represented Hungary at the UNESCO conference in 1954 at Mexico city. MIHALYFI has one great dream or desire, he would like to be representative of Hungary at the United Nations Organisation.

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MORVAY, Tihamer

Newspaperman, works at the editorial office of the "Nepsport" (Peoples Sport)

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At the editorial offices of the "Nepsport" he has plenty of

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trouble because of his political expressions which are often strongly criticizing the system, until now these difficulties were smoothed out.

As politically "undeveloped" person he was not permitted to go abroad. Presently since two three years he travels to the West and to the East. He has a wonderful pen, knows the sports and he can thank this (that he is permitted to travel out of the country) to his good work.

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MORVAY besides of the "Nepsport", works at the "Kepes Sport" (Sport in pictures) and also at the sport section of the radio broadcasting station. His plain monthly income is about 3000 Forints. They have no apartment of their own and at present they live in a sublet place, they shop for furniture now, the next step to get

an apartment. They have no children. Morvay's father is a former public notary in Bihar county, and before the war has been small landholder opposition party representative of the parliament.

Morvay has ~~three~~ ^{two} sisters and one brother, the sisters are married, the brother:

MORVAY Laszlo, (Ladislas) has been fired from the UJpest council as a bad cadre, he is a welder toady.

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MORVAY, Laszlo is a very intelligent young man, has two children.

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MUNICH, Ferenc Dr.

at present ambassador of Hungary at Moscow, former police major-general.

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In 1919 he already participated in the ^{first} revolutionary struggles. He terminated his university studies at this time. He has lawyers diploma. After the defeat of the revolution Munich also left Hungary.

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He emerged in Spain where he has been the political comisar of Lukacs, general (also known as ZALKA Mate), and later as political comisar of the RAKOSI brigade.

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After the termination of the fights in Spain MUNICH stayed for a while in France and then went to Moscow. When in 1941 or in 1942 the Kosuth radio has been started in Moscow, MUNICH became one of the directors. Really, MUNICH befriended RAKOSI here and at this time.

In 1945 MUNICH also returned from the Soviet Union to Hungary. First he was chief comisar of Baranya county. Here nothing bad could be said about him. He did not carry the propagation of communist ideas to the extreme. In 1946 he is already at Budapest and he is the chief police captain of Budapest with the rank of police major general. At this time, BENJAMIN Oliver, Dr. former lawyer, has been the deputy police captain of Budapest, delegated to this post by the social-democratic party. BENJAMIN has been relieved of his post ^{soon enough} and the AVH wanted to arrest him. According to well informed source (KORMOS Ilona, BENJAMIN's girl friend is the informant) MUNICH took BENJAMIN's side and protected him. When MUNICH has been transferred from Hungary, very soon BENJAMIN was arrested.

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MUNICH, Ferenc Dr.

MUNICH explained in newspapermen circles "I fought so much and suffered so much privations that even if I would do nothing else during the rest of my life but would amuse myself day and night I could not catch up with what I missed." MUNICH entered the diplomatic corps and [redacted] has been first, minister to Finnland at Helsinki, ambassador at Sophia, and from there transferred to Moscow in capacity of ambassador.

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[redacted] MUNICH enjoys the complete confidence

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of Moscow and the Hungarian people does not know him. When he was the police chief of Budapest there were hardly any complaints against the police, the so-called excesses were committed by the ~~previous~~ predecessor of the AVH, which had nothing to do with MUNICH.

Public opinion would receive MUNICH gladly as prime minister.

NAGY, Daniel. deputy president of the Presidium Council.

[redacted] Even before 1945 he was known in his village 25X1

as a man whose opinion counted. After 1945 he was elected as member of the parliament on the small landholders party ticket, In the parliament he didinot have much to say, for years his voice could not be heard. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The communist took him in their hands and since the 25X1 he became more active. In the small landholders party he was one of the leaders of the left side peasant representatives. He demanded the exclusion of the kulaks, etc. He did all this on communist pressure, because he was in their hands. Years ago he has been elected member of the Presidium Council and later became deputy president of the Presidium Council. 25X1

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NAGY, Imre

His name became known in 1945 as the minister of land distribution. It is interesting to note that the communists dealt the role to NAGY Imre already at that time which was very useful later to reach their goals,

[redacted] NAGY Imre as the minister of land distribution 25X1

enjoyed a certain popularity, and when the communist later needed a man - at the beginning of the NEP era - who was not too well known and hated, NAGY was presented to the people. The communists reached their goal perfectly because during NAGY premiership the people breathed more freely and the hidden small values and material goods came out of the caches and were invested in private enterprises just to be taken away from them later by the communists, a few months later.

[redacted] He connected the party in 1919. He was president 25X1

of the Somogy county directorium, or a member of it. At this time the mentioned directorium convicted a great number of innocent people and had them executed. After the fall of communism, NAGY somehow reached Moscow,

[redacted] stayed there until 1944, when he came back 25X1

to Hungary.

In December 1944 when in Moscow the first provisory Hungarian government was formed, NAGY was the first man who was presented to the Hungarian politicians and civic leaders. (DALNOKI-MIKLOS Bela, general, TELEKI Geza, count, politician, SZENTIVANYI Dominic, former press chief of the presidency, former diplomat.)

[redacted] NAGY's name became known in 1945 with the distribution 25X1

of land. In this period of popularisation he was known as the "Land distributor". After a short time as agricultural minister he became the second minister of interior, but stayed in this position a very short time. His name is connected with the forming of the police and so naturally the forming of the since then famous political police. After the first election the communists insisted

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NAGY, Imre.

keeping the ministry of interior in their hands, which during the provisory government was held by the peasant party's ERDEI Ferenc. The communists knew that the only armed force in the country was the police and who that controls the police controls the country. For this post they needed a strong man and put NAGY Imre to the place as reliable. NAGY could not stand his ground and was relieved by RAJK Lajos.

From this time on he did not fill any important position in the Hungarian political life. [redacted] he received a professorship at the

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agrarian-scientific university. He was member of the Central Committee to the end also of parliament and ^{of the} ~~political~~ committee which is the biggest factor in the communist party. Of this committee he became a member only during his premiership.

As prime minister he executed ~~what~~ what the party wanted from him, what the party ordered. It might have been some slighter deviations from the prescribed road but he could not commit capital sins. When he became prime minister he made a speech about the private initiatives, civil rights, etc, which had a great reaction in the whole country. If not all but some of these promises were realized. Internation camps were discontinued(dissolved) great number of interned persons were freed, individual initiative encouraged etc. Another great achievement during Nagy Imre's time, the creation of the new Popular Front. The importance of this movement that in this great social organisation everybody could and should participate who was against the war. Party membership was not important in fact it was accentuated that in the first place non party members were preferred.

The difference between RAKOSI and NAGY started during the latter's premiership. NAGY's speech as mentioned above and in which he stated that the kulak is also a human being had great reaction throughout the country. The reaction

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was so great that the party got scared and after ten days RAKOSI made a corrective speech in which he rectified many parts of the NAGY speech. The address was not written by NAGY Imre but he received it from the party to be delivered at the parliament. Therefore the main point of the accusation that he took an independent road, was untrue. Every speech that is delivered in the Hungarian parliament is written down previously and presented to the party secretariat, the same system is used for newspaper articles. NAGY Imre became popular. If anybody else would have been in his place the situation would have been the same. Somehow the Hungarian people saw that NAGY Imre dropped a straw in the sea of bitterness and the people tried to grab this straw to lengthen its life.

Some ~~jailed~~ people who were jailed for party offenses were freed at this time.

Some ~~jailed~~ (KADAR Janos, RAKOSI's former deputy and minister of interior, HARASZTHY

Sandor, LOSONCI Geza, KALLAI Gyula former minister, etc.).

NAGY Imre trusted the secretariat of the council of ministers ~~to his~~ which is the greatest helping organ of the prime minister - to his brother in law JANOSI Ferenc who formerly was the first deputy minister of People's education. When his position was shaken his brother in law was also transferred -according to good communist principles [] he is today the director of the

JOZSEF Attila and PETOFI museums.

His daughter, who worked at the "Vengrija" Russian language newspaper, before the father became prime minister, was fired from the paper, later reemployed, and then again dismissed. [] When the NEP era

reached its end, NAGY did everything that was expected of him: he lured the hidden capital out of its hiding places, rehabilitated the great process that started from many political errors. NAGY Imre performed his role and had to be relieved. As a lucky coincidence he became sick. This was confirmed by many leading Hungarian politicians including DOBI Istvan president, and

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is not a story made up, or an invented sickness. RAKOSI having seen the great popularity of Nagy wanted to silence him for good, and therefore he brought up the question of confidence, he demanded selfcriticism from NAGY. NAGY flatly refused. NAGY stated repeatedly that they should talk over the matter after he gets well again. When NAGY Imre left the party hospital of Kutvolgyi street, the matter of selfcriticism came up again. NAGY refused. RAKOSI would like to summon NAGY before the court. NAGY answered that yes he is willing but "all of us should sit together on the bench of the accused because you and GERO pushed the country into bankruptcy." This all is the information of DOBI Istvan. Then RAKOSI summoned the Central Committee together ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the firm belief that they will brand NAGY Imre. However it did not happen so. They, (the Central Committee) did not want to exclude Nagy even from the political committee. In the meantime RAKOSI was so certain in his measures that he already ordered the placing NAGY Imre and his family in security. The KV (Central committee) did not consent to this and RAKOSI and GERO ~~left~~ flew to Moscow where they received the instructions that "this is a Hungarian matter and should be taken care of in your own authority". A new Central Committee meeting followed, on which it had been resolved to deprive NAGY Imre of all his offices. In the meantime NAGY was summoned to Moscow, but with whom he negotiated, what he accomplished, are unknown to me. The fact is that his car was given back that before was taken away from him, his daughter was given back her job, and NAGY receives his university rector pension\$.

The news were spread on the West that when NAGY appears on the street the people cheer for him and celebrate him - these rumors are not true. What the Free Europe Radio stated concerning this is similarly untrue. The fact is,

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that he is more or less recuperated from his sickness and now lives of his pension at Budapest. He was summoned to exercise selfcriticism but he was not willing to do it.

He lives at the Rozsa hill and takes walks with his grandchild. The party gave him a well furnished villa.

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NANASI, Laszlo. representative(member of parliament)

He belongs to the leadership of the National Peasant Party. Since 1945 he serves the communists completely. As a reward he is representative(member of the assembly), member of the Presidium Council, and for years now president of the SZOVOSZ (Szovetkezetek Orszagos Szovetsege- Country Federation of Co-operatives).

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NEMES, Gyorgy.

Secretary of the Peace Council.

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He emerged in Hungarian life after 1945 when he has been collaborator of the "Szabad Nep" party paper. After a few years he left the paper and had several different party commissions. & For more than two years now really he directs the work of the Peace Council.

He is a man true to the party line, who is a communist not only in words but also in his expressions and in his own life conditions, He lives under modest circumstances although he could afford much more for himself.

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He has a family, wife, and one or two children.

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NEMETH, Gyula(Julius) Dr.

Newspaperman.

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He is Hungarian-German language professor, parents Lutheran priests, 25X1
 they live at Szekszard. His father is in pension, his brother is priest there, another brother was army officer under Horthy, now office worker.

Nemeth traveled in Germany twice during the war making studies. After graduation at the university he became newspaperman and worked at the MTI(Hungarian News Service-Magyar Tavirati Iroda). During the II world war, NEMETH actively participated in anti-war propaganda work. From 1945 he was political editor of the "Vilag" (World) until the cessation of the paper in 1949. Since then NEMETH had ^{small} temporary jobs, At present he is working at the composition of an explanatory dictionary for the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, receives 600 Forints per month, and besides contributes articles to various papers.

He is decidedly friendly toward America. To this it has to be added that he had a very good friend Mr. Luiss REWEY, who, lived at Budapest and befriended him at the Eotvos College(a fraternity). REWEY studied there for a few years and after 1945 became press attaché of the American Legation. NEMETH recommended to REWEY " If you want to make effective propaganda then you should help out (to get out of the country) a newspaperman or similar individual every three months or half a year and then your radio shall have permanently fresh, new material, and the public will believe you."

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NONN, Gyorgy

Country prosecutor(attorney general)

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He is a communist since his youth. He got acquainted with communist ideas as a university student. He spread them there and was detained, went to prison, and spent shorter or longer periods there until December 1944. -for his political convictions. After 1945, he became immediately the leader of the youth movement of the communist party. In connection with this post he has been sent to the Soviet Union.

After his 25X1

return he performed various party functions. He always has been a party official. Later he became member of the parliament. When DONATH Ferenc and the members of the former Peace Party have been arrested, he became on DONATH's place the head of the RAKOSI Matyas secretariat, The terror in Hungary was the greatest perhaps at this time. The people in their last desperation turned for help to the RAKOSI secretariat. RAKOSI was very vain (and proud) that he helped with his "smile" but it is NONN's credit that since that time every application is investigated. It has to be admitted that many a times help is extended too.

When he has been relieved here, he went to the peoples education ministry. First he was deputy minister, and later first deputy of the minister. In this position he in fact had more power than the minister who did not belong to the communist party.

NONN has been already nominated to his new post as attorney general of the country. NONN is no university graduate unless he graduated in the meantime. According to every probability he has been named to this position, because a true RAKOSI man was necessary there and NONN certainly is one, he knows RAKOSI's customs. NONN's predecessor has not been a jurist, 25X1

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comrade CZAKO the first peoples attorney of the country has been a miner, they put him through a six-months legal course and soon he became the first jurist of the country. It might be perhaps that they do the same thing with NONN too.

Years ago NONN used to like ^{the} ~~more~~ agreeable sides of life. He liked to frequent restaurants, eating places. In the last months while he has been deputy minister of the peoples education, the supervision of films and theaters also belonged 25X1 under his jurisdiction .

NONN is a convinced communist, because beginning from his youth he struggled for the cause, and belongs among those who can thank everything to the party, still he tolerates counter-opinion(criticism). Even if he does not accept the opinion of others he can be told if one does not agree with him. He belongs to the better 25X1 brained among the young cadres.

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NONN, Gyorgy, at present he is the highest officer of the judicial branch of government of the country. He is attorney general of Hungary. He enjoys the complete confidence of RAKOSI. He has been also the head of RAKOSI's secretariat,

[redacted] He has been member of the illegal communist party 25X1

already during the II world war and has been in jail also. He also has been deputy minister. [redacted]

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ORBAN, Laszlo(Ladislas)

At the end of the 1930es he spread the ideas of communism among the university 25X1 students. For a short while he was in jail, At present he is the deputy of the instruction minister and in the ministry he is in charge of the higher education (university).

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OROSZY,

Newspaperman, head of the "Nepszava" (The Peoples Voice) paper's editorial committee.

[redacted] He handles chiefly labor

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union problems. In 1953 he worked already at the "Nepszava", he has been picked out from some party machinery. At the recommendation of the labor union he has been sent to a one or two years course of labor union schooling to Moscow. After returning to Hungary he has been trusted with the directing of the labor union paper the "Nepszava".

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He constantly proclaims that nobody can be a good newspapermen without the knowledge of marxism.

His financial position is very well balanced. He received from the labor union a furnished apartment as a gift, from the paper he has a motorcar for his personal use and his monthly salary exceeds 4000 forints.

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PALFAI, Janos.

newspaperman, professor.

He is 25X1

from Szeged, his father has been a simple railroad worker, now pensioned.

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PALFAI graduated from the physical education high school, and worked in several schools as gym instructor. From this job he went to the "Nemzeti Sport" (National Sport) paper before the II world war. In 1945 he joined the social-democratic party. He has worked at the "NEPsport" (Peoples Sport) paper and at the same time has been a leading professor of the Soccer faculty of the Physical Education Highschool (Academy standing: Transl.) In 1951 he had to leave the school because ^{keep} he could not ~~have~~ two jobs. His salary at the paper is 2300 forints and he earns on the side with some different works another at least 1000 forints. Financially he lives a well balanced life. He is the one who made trips to abroad the most often from the editorial offices of the "Nepsport". This one can understand, because he is an excellent expert, he is the columnist of the soccer sport, speaks languages (English, German).

He has not been a member of the social-democratic party for long, because he had been forced to join the communist party. He is a ^member even today but it could not be said that he is a convinced communist.

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After the football(soccer) world championship games, his position became very

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Before the public he gives the impression of a mysterious man - but

really in great lines he ~~is~~ could be termed as a straight character.

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PARRAGI, Gyorgy, newspaperman, leader of the Hungarian Independence Party.

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PARRAGI is from Sopron, parents were simple miners. His religion; Roman catholic. He graduated from a catholic order latin high school. Started as newspaperman at Sopron. A few years later he was brought to Budapest and at the "Magyar Nemzet" paper became one of the prominent paper writers. His name became famous because since 1943 he wrote the shappest anti-nazi articles in Hungary. At this time as a left side newspaperman he was very popular in Hungary.

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he was decidedly friendly to America

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and to England. On the 19th of March 1944 when the Germans occupied Hungary, PARRAGI Gyorgy was one of the first whom the Germans arrested. The Germans treated him humanly but the Hungarian nazis, the arrow party members tortured him badly. The Germans deported him together with several Hungarian politicians to Mauthausen and he was kept there until the spring of 1945. At this time he returned to Hungary and recovered physically soon, and worked with the press and also started to play a role in politics. He became editorial writer of the "Magyar Nemzet" and on the small landholder party platform he was elected to parliament. At the assembly he made several anti-communist speeches and also in the press he wrote the most anti-Soviet and anti-communist articles. Upon the recommendation of NAGY Ferenc the former prime minister-who lives now in America* he was expulsed from the party. The communists demanded this. Everybody waited that he will be arrested for the shapp anti-Soviet articles. The predecessor of the AVH, the political police kept after him for weeks. Then RAKOSI summoned him, showed him the warrant for his arrest,

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and explained to him that for his speeches and articles he might draw a death sentence. ~~PERHAPS~~ All this could be avoided -supposedly RAKOSI said- if PARRAGI would be willing to help to win over the bourgeoisie. PARRAGI accepted. He gradually started to serve the communist cause. First he became deputy leader and later - after Balogh Istvan has been discarded - leader of the Balogh party. PARRAGI is still member of the parliament, member of the Presidium Council and editor in chief of the "Magyar Nemzet" daily. For years now the communists have PARRAGI in their hands and he is completely laid low to them.

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The man's fate is tragic: for years he was decidedly a friend of America, and for this he was deported even to Mauthausen concentration camp but when he started openly on the political scene nobody defended him against the communists. Even the leaders of the small landholders party were afraid of him because he was popular and this drove him completely in the communist's net.

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However it has to be established that he performed a tremendous destructive work. He filled an active role in the working over (indoctrination) of the bourgeoisie and the intellectuals.

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His two daughters study at the university. The older one is chemical engineer or in her last year of study and has just recently married.

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PATAKI

He also has a leading position at the DISZ (Democratic Youth Federation) central.

[redacted] His name appears often in the papers. He also handles

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propaganda matters.

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PERLAY, Dezso.

He is one of the best informed men of the council work.

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PERLAY is from Budafok, has highschool education, graduated. Has been employed at various enterprises(business concerns) but now for years he has been a member of the Hungarian Workers Party.

He could be calmly termed as a fanatical communist. When ~~made~~ trips in the country and someone criticized or said something against the system, he very simply denounced them at the local party or to the AVH organs. This way he disposed of several men. He is always the true servitor of the political situation of the moment. He would like very much to make a political ~~carrier~~ and in this interest is searching for the good will and friendship of every influential people. Also, he would like to travel. He has never been in the West. At one occasion he has been in Czechoslovakia. Materially he has a balanced life. His income reaches 4000 forints.

When the councils had to be popularized in the Radio, upon party instruction PERLAY prepared the programs. He condemned the NACY Imre era ~~events~~ at the beginning and therefore had some smaller friction with people, however when the era ended PERLAY's prestige understandably grew high.

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PINTER, Laszlo (his first name is not certain)

He is one of the leaders of the "Szabad Ifjusag"(Free Youth) the central paper of the DISZ(Democratic Youth Federation).

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Around 1950 he contacted the DISZ and the youth movement. He studied for a year at the Budapest university and then went to the Soviet Union, he spent three years there and studied at some university(not in Moscow) in some city. When he returned to Hungary immediately he was placed at the management of the DISZ and came to the paper., first as editorial page editor and later as member of the editorial board. Today he is still in this position. His colleagues say about him/~~that~~ that he wants to solve everything with Soviet methods and only regards as good what he learned there.

PINTER is an extreme communist who accepts the party resolutions as the holy scripture. His collaborators say that he spends his time to write reports to the party center and to the Soviet Embassy about the situation at the paper.

He is the individual who openly professes that a good newspaperman can be only a party member who besides takes his fullsize part in the party work also. If there is a campaign-like task to be solved then PINTER is in the first line.

He criticizes everything he believes that is not party-attitude but he himself does not tolerate criticism.

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PIROS, Laszlo

Minister of interior, head of the AVH.

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PIROS participated in the workers movements already before 1945, but has not had much role there. His original trade is hog butcher and butcher. After 1945 he immediately received an important post in the labor union. However, he has been active only a few months when he was sent to schooling. He is a communist party representative in the parliament from the first. For a while he served in the party central and then before the turn, or right after (1948) he has been sent first to a six months course, and then ~~for~~ ^{to a} one year ~~higher~~ party school. After graduation from these schools he has been sent from one important post to the other. First he became deputy secretary general of the SZOT (Szakszervezetek Orszagos Tanacsas) Country Council of the Labor Unions). From here unexpectedly he has been commandeered to the AVH. by the party and there with generals rank he became deputy of PETER Gabor. At this time he moved from his apartment at the Thek Endre street, and at the Leonardo da Vinci street to a villa at Buda.

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When he has been transferred to the AVH, there were rumors circulating that the party wanted to fill the AVH with workers caders(cadres). Years later it was revealed that PIROS received the role to watch PETER Gabor and in proper time take steps to make him harmless with Russian help.

When PETER Gabor has been arrested PIROS became the head of the AVH, and he directed the AVH work. Soon he has been named deputy minister for the interior, the ^{first} deputy minister and now for more than a year he is minister for the interior and at the same time head of the AVH. When at the first time he has been the head of

PIROS Laszlo.

the AVH., the AVH belonged ~~to~~ jurisdictionally under the council of ministers and not under the minister of interior. When PIROS became minister of interior the direction and supervision over the AVH was transferred again into the minister of interior's hands.

PIROS ran a very great ~~big~~ carrier in the party in a few years. In 1945 he was only a representative in the parliament, then became auxiliary member of the party management and at present he is already an auxiliary member of the political committee.

[redacted] the AVH is not directed directly by him now. He 25X1 created a new leader group a good many members of which group came from Moscow and the other members received Moscow training. These are PIROS's puppets. In the ministry of interior the police matters are taken care of by POCZE Tibor and GYORE Joseph deputy ministers.

PIROS [redacted] 25X1 ~~PIROS~~ is a RAKOSI man. Anything RAKOSI orders PIROS executes without a word, without the sounding of an (counter) opinion. The arrest of PETER Gabor and his staff (DECZY Gyula, TIMAR Istvan, CGAPO, major, etc) have been performed by him (PIROS) and his immediate staff. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] PIROS likes to visit by preference 25X1 the night investigations for inspection tours. When he (JAVOR) has been interrogated PIROS appeared several times but never interrupted the investigation. (He /JAVOR/ has been arrested also in the RAJK case. He has been a colonel.)

[redacted] By his original 25X1 25X1 trade he also worked with blood.

[redacted] He is the type who obeys and executes the higher order without a word. 25X1

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PIROS, Laszlo

During PIROS's ministership the working hours have been also changed at the AVH. Namely under PETER Gabor the men of the AVH had no definite working hours and worked considerably more than eight hours a day. PIROS prohibited for anybody to work more than eight hours and if that was still necessary then the overtime had to be taken out in free days.

GERO raised charges against PIROS because as general 25X1
secretary of the party he did not follow always the proper tactics of communism. RAKOSI completely took sides with PIROS in his defense. Shortly it could be stated that PIROS is not completely a RAKOSI man. He attacked GERO only because he offended him and PIROS knew that at that time GERO attacked RAKOSI.

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POCZE, Tibor.

deputy minister of interior, police major general.

Personally I do not know him at all. For a while ~~he~~ has been adjutant to him.

From CSAKI I know a few things about him.

He is a member of the party. There was a time when he has been the head of the country police. He only has the police under his authority, not the AVH.

He is a great sport fan. This, I can prove with examples. DEAK Ferenc, former soccer palyer, member of the national select team, who has been also a police first lieutenant, was caught in the act of ~~smuggling~~ ^{selling smuggled} merchandise (nylon things) and a process was started against him. Friends turned to POCZE, who smoothed the affair.

The soccer players turn to him for smaller and larger favors. Generally he helps sporting people. He also has been a worker.

PRIESZOL, Joseph, first deputy of the Post and transportation minister.

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PRIESZOL is from Veszprem county, where he worked before 1945 in several mines as a miner. At this time he attracted attention ~~as a~~ with his ability as agitator. At the election of 1945 he was not nominated by the social-democrats as a candidate, left the party and became a communist. At this time the communists received every newcomer gladly, especially men with clear past and workers background. On the communist list PRIESZOL was elected. After this he filled various post in different parts of the country, and in 1948 or 1949 he was sent to a higher school of the party for a year. After finishing his studies he was placed in the ministry of Posts and Transport as deputy minister.

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Political personalities of Hungary.

RAKOSI, Matyas.

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Original family name ROTH. Comes from middle class merchant family. Studied high school at Szabadka and Sopron. Five or six brothers or sisters. As a young man participated in the first world war and there got acquainted with communist ideology.

After graduating from high school received government scholarship to Germany and England. He speaks these two languages well. During the first revolution - in 1919 - he hardly had a role at all. First he worked at the official newspaper of the party the "Red News". In the last weeks of the revolution his irresponsible lust for power caused the death of thousands (the battle of Salgotarjan). According to contemporaries, at this time, no particular talents of his could be discovered. For a few weeks he was deputy peoples commisar.

After the defeat of the revolution Rakosi had to escape, he went to the Soviet Union. There he attended various schools. Stalin and his company silenced the first line guard of the 1919 Hungarian revolution one by one (Bela KUN and his companions) and there was practically no one left of the old guard, who could be accepted by Moscow. Only Jeno LANDLER was accepted. This way the prestige of the young RAKOSI grew and grew. He started to play a role in the international communist movement. Right away he became an adherent of ~~the~~ Stalin and his line.

When the so-called white terror in Hungary(Horthy terror) faded away, Moscow issued the order that the Hungarian communist party should be called to life, be organised underground and if possible bring out in the open.

Rakosi was charged with this work. He received the task to go to Hungary and there organise the party in some form.

Why was RAKOSI adaptable for this role?

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Because he had a large circle of acquaintances. Before ~~or~~ during the first world war Rakosi was one of the leaders of the Galilei Club a progressive organisation of university students with whom at that time RAKOSI had contacts. When he went back to Hungary these former members were mostly in serious responsible positions. RAKOSI expected the help of his former club mates but was disillusioned by them. From the former friends nobody paid attention to him. (Rakosi's dislike of the Galilei Club originated at this time. When in 1945 [REDACTED] RAKOSI attended the first meeting and there made a speech with the effect that in a few weeks the club discontinued its activity. Rakosi mentioned the above events there.) Another reason of his return to Hungary was that he knew if he will succeed in reviving the party in Hungary that will have such an effect in Moscow that from one day to the other he will be the leader of Hungarian communists. He did not make a mistake in this calculation.

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Zoltan Rakosi started the work in Hungary with his young friend Zoltan VASS(Weinberger) After short stay at Budapest RAKOSI was arrested by the political police. ~~Max~~ ~~Un-~~ official opinion is that the arrest was helped by Moscow knowing that martyrdom raises their numbers. They calculated thus; if RAKOSI becomes a martyr the party will have more sympathizers. Whether RAKOSI is destroyed in the struggle ~~xxx~~ the party will have full value of his person. When RAKOSI was released from prison and returned to Moscow, the former leaders of the Hungarian group MADZSAR Joseph, RUDAS Ladislas, were pushed in the background and RAKOSI became ~~together~~ the leader ~~with the~~ Zoltan VASS, who also emerged from the dusk of the unknowns. This was the way RAKOSI founded his future. When he became a martyr he could not be discarded anymore and demanded greater and greater place and position for himself in the communist oligarchy.

Another of the personality ~~xxx~~ characteristic trait ~~xxx~~ of RAKOSI ~~Matyas~~ when in jail, where he was convicted by the Horthy court, RAKOSI organized a hunger strike with

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some fellow prisoners. Even here there was providence that he shall not become a martyr - [redacted] GOGOS Ignatius and LOWY Sandor perished through this hunger strike - but RAKOSI came out unharmed. With regard to his state of health he only observed a "50 percent strike" he ate once a day, but the fellow strikers did not eat or drink for 8-10 days.

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TELEKI Paul was Hungary's prime minister when RAKOSI Matyas was freed from the Szeged jail. The Soviet Union made an agreement with the Hungarian government that after RAKOSI's release regular commercial relations will be resumed and the 1848 revolution flags will be ~~restored~~ to Hungary.

These flags were in a Soviet war museum. It is interesting that at this time the public sentiment was very anti-communist in Hungary. Rakosi and his helpers could not revive the communist party in the years of the 1930-s. Instead they organised a socialist character party but this had no ground and no strength. The experiment was discontinued.

The Soviet union saved RAKO-SI and VASS from the jail for tactical reasons, it was necessary to show the world that ~~the~~ Moscow saves its adherents and is even willing to make sacrifices for them. Resuming trade relations with Hungary was important for the Soviet in the first place to provide the material need of the slowly reviving party.

According to well informed Hungarian politicians Rakosi's release was suggested by German politicians and allegedly ERMANDDORF former German envoy at Budapest played the mediator role.

When Rakosi has been released, he went right away to the Soviet legation at Budapest, spent a short time there and later was taken by Hungarian police officers and Soviet diplomats to Lavočne where the Hungarian police gave him over to the Soviets. He and Zoltan VASS were taken to Moscow and a great festival was started. The slogan of that day, that Moscow does not abandon its true sons.

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Around this time RAKOSI got married. He married a Khazak origin Soviet prosecutor. She is his present wife, today she is around 56-60 years old.

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During the war RAKOSI became ~~the~~ one of the directors of the Kossuth Radio at Moscow. He made speeches to the Hungarian people several times weekly. Again an uncontrolled information says that at this time he had a great fight with his rival SZABADOS Michael (christian name uncertain). During the war, news circulated in Hungary named SZABADOS as the leader of the Hungarian communists. RAKOSI in order to get rid of his rival SZABADOS, had him framed through GERO Erno and became the leader of the Hungarian emigration at that time in Russia. A few times RAKOSI visited ~~prisoner's~~ ^{camps of} war camps in Russia but did not make a pleasant impression on the Hungarian prisoners. (His appearance and figure).

As it is known, RAKOSI played an important role also in the KOMINTERN

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In October 1944 he was already

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in Hungary. REVAI Joseph and Z VASS Zoltan began to organize the communist party through his instructions. He went all over the country as the lord and master of life and death.

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In the first months Rakosi had no public role and moved around all over as a leader of the party. However even at this time he was the unrestricted master completely.

In 1945 only GERO Erno remained close to RAKOSI, all the other true followers were compromised; REVAI Joseph, FARKAS Michael, VASS Zoltan, etc. RAKOSI reached the stage that he had arrested the head of the secretariat DONATH Francis, who ~~just~~ was released from jail just recently.

In April 1945 RAKOSI moved from Debrecen to Budapest and had an apartment in the ~~SZABO~~ Szabo Jozsef street, XIV district, close to the Millenary soccer stadium. At present he lives on the Szabadsag hill, Budapest. He moves around in a car, runs up to the Istenhegy road to the Orban square, turns right, but from there can not be observed because there is a police sentry turning away pedestrians. On the other side of the Szabadsag hill the road is blocked the same way.

When RAKOSI is traveling, three cars move along, no one knows which car ~~averting~~ he is occupying. 6-8 AVH ~~officers~~ officers are constantly traveling with him.

His car is a Soviet ZIM, dark blue or black. [redacted] one of 25X1

the accompanying cars is an American made, dark grey, [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Packard. 25X1

RAKOSI has a great family, and is a good family man, he does not abandon the members of his family. However the members of his family do not use the

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RAKOSI name but are called BIRO. One of his sisters is in the party center and [redacted] the director of the party instruction matters for the whole country. Another sister (or brother) is deputy to the minister of furnaces and machine industry. A few months ago he visited India and Burma conducted commercial negotiations there. The wife of one brother is the directrice of the aeroplane factory of Horthyliget.

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[redacted] only one sister that carries the name (RAKOSI) her name Hajnalka.

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She is sick and does not work at all.

RAKOSI behaves toward people as he would be the wise man of the nation.

RAKOSI is deliberate in his speech, constantly smiling, and uses Hungarian proverbs by great preference. At the same time he is the most cruel man, who crushes mercilessly anybody crossing his ways and aims. He is unbelievably revengeful.

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DOBI Istvan, president of the republic said about him that toward Moscow,

RAKOSI is the firm point. (This happened in 1954.)

Working habits: He likes to appear that he knows everything and is the best informed. A few months ago there were rumors circulating that the writers were revolting. One by one RAKOSI called the writers to himself. Previously he demanded information about them. When NEMETH Ladislas called on him, RAKOSI told Nemeth, what Nemeth made (earned) last year, what he is working on now, what are his problems, etc. For instance during his converstaion with Nemeth, RAKOSI pulled out a file from his desk and started to read what Nemeth earned for this and that of his works. Another example; he summoned MAJOR Otto who is a younger writer, and received him with the words "Comrade Major you have nothing to fear for your anti-Tito theater piece. Man makes mistakes but

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should dare to exercise selfcriticism. You should apply this on the stage." MAJOR who wrote an anti-Tito play, is now working on exactly the opposite trend piece. RAKOSI probably received his information regarding NEMET's problems from the AVH.

Once RAKOSI liked sports for the popularity values. However at one occasion the security men found a hand grenade close to RAKOSI's loge at the Dozsa soccer field in UJpest and since then he(RAKOSI) can be seen very seldom at sport events. When he has to appear at the Peoples Stadium there are at least one hundred security ~~people~~ agents to guard him - the vicinity of his loge is evacuated, only confident, reliable people are tolerated there in the L sector, and even the ushers, ticket-takers are AVH men.

If he goes to the theater, the scene and setup is about the same. More interesting plays are presented at protocole performances, meaning that only guests invited by the AVH ~~can~~ can be present. Great precaution is taken here also. At first he took his vacations at Balatonkartya but newly he has a ^{separate} ~~cottage~~ at Balatonoszod. His mountain retreat is in the Matra hills about 550 yards from the Gallyateto great Hotel.

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Objectively speaking, it has to be acknowledged that RAKOSI Matyas is very educated and well read man. Among the emerged personalities in the Hungarian political life since 1945 RAKOSI takes a prominent place by his intelligence. He planned the political strategy of the communist party. However he is a bad judge of character. Until now he had to be disappointed in every man of his selection.

RAKOSI is in closer friendship-among the Hungarian politicians- with HAZI Arpad. R. is the godfather, and his wife the godmother of the HAZI children. From political considerations way back in 1946 he did not proclaim his struggle against the Church and his wife held the HAZI children for baptismal. At that time the "Kepes Figyelo" magazine published pictures of the occasion.

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His human weakness, that after his rise to power through the Soviet armies he had arrested every prison guard who mistreated him during his jail time at the Vac jail and at the Szeged Csillag prison. Several of them were liquidated and others sent to jail. Objectively it has to be stated that among the communist politicians he is the most educated. With some exaggeration it could be said that he with his intellectual capacity ~~mm~~ emerges from the Hungarian politicians of the last ten years. However here it has to be added that his politics ~~was~~ ^{always} built up on the bayonets of the Soviet army. He could always ascertain who are the politicians whom he had to ~~fear~~ fear and he tried to win them over by bribery (or threat) and if not he liquidated them. For instance, he feared the pen and popularity of PARRAGI George, the writer. PARRAGI [Redacted] was summoned to RAKOSI who after the conversation destroyed the arrest order and today PARRAGI is one of the press agents of RAKOSI.

RAKOSI discarded KOVACS Bela, general secretary of the Small Landholders Party, SULYOK Dezso, PFEIFFER Zoltan. KOVACS could not be arrested by the Hungarian police and therefore he was arrested by the Soviet troops. [Redacted]

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RAKOSI Matyas.

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It is natural that he speaks the Russian language almost perfectly. It could be said in his favor that he forced his wife to learn Hungarian and in public places talks to her in Hungarian. This same cannot be said about other leading personalities who communicate with their Russian wifes in Russian.

At present, RAKOSI's biggest problem is the clearing up of the Tito matter.

[redacted] Hungarians led the anti-Tito campaign, 25X1 among the satellite nation. In this RAKOSI took the palm. He used first the expression of "chained dog". Now he would like to put all the blame on PETER Gabor and his gang. At the same time his speeches and writings do not prove this. At the reopening of the RAJK case, he stood on the forum before the people and claimed that he hesitated for days until his decision was made up. 25X1

And today hypocritically he received the RAJK orphans in his villa. [redacted]

RAKOSI: Who is your father?

The RAJK child; I have no father!

RAKOSI: Yes you have. Your father is the great Party!

The clearing up of the RAJK case is going on for months now, but no solution can be found that RAKOSI would not be involved and therefore the case is dragged out and the decision is delayed.

[redacted] RAKOSI is on very 25X1 good terms with Suslov, who takes care of the satellite matters in Moscow. Allegedly RAKOSI recommended Suslov for Stalin's attention when Suslov was a young man.

There is a rumor that RAKOSI leans in the first place for support on MOLOTOV among the communist Politbureau members.

REVAI, Joseph.

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He also appeared on the Hungarian political horizon in the fall of 1945, from Moscow he came to Hungary. His original name was KAHAN Mor (This is not certain). He participated as a young man in the Hungarian communist movement of 1919. Later in 1927 he was involved in one of the cells that was discovered by the police. He spent a short term in prison and after that went to Moscow through Czechoslovakia.

According to unconfirmed information he took part in the organisation of the Czechoslovak young communist party around the 1930-es.

In Moscow he attended several party schools and party universities and he was from the beginning one of the main ideologists of the party even in Hungary.

Started his role at Szeged. He recruited into the Hungarian political life BALOGH Istvam Roman catholic priest of the Also Tanya central district of Szeged. REVAI was the leader of the propaganda work, the communist press and the first daily the "Debrecen Neplap" started under his guidance.

After HERO, he REVAI too became a member of the National General Council. When the government moved to Budapest he became the ^{chief} editor of the central paper of the party the "Szabad Nep".

He is one of the planner and executor of the communist political tactics; the nationalisation of the banks, the nationalisation of the mines, and the fight against the Church, etc.

REVAI took as his share the intellectual field, education. As minister of public instruction his authority covered the book publishing, press, radio, theater, etc. He nationalized all the theaters in Hungary. He directed the book-burning when King Lear, David Copperfield and other works were declared to be reactionary.

REVAI, Joseph.

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From the beginning he was interested in the Free Masonry movement and considered this movement ~~as~~ from the view point of progressive communism as the greatest enemy of the party, even greater than the Church.

He had a decisive role in the party machinery. For a long time he was a member of the political commission of the party. He is an unbelievable repulsive, hard, mean intentioned man.

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[redacted] The communisation of the

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Hungarian intellectual life is his sin. This he carried through with a rigidness of steel and with inexcomability. In Hungary professor of university could be only a person whom he accepted as such. He had a special file for university professors.

REVAI is known as a puritan man who never took part in business ventures, or in helping of people.

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REVAI put his brother

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Rezso first at the head of the nationalised film industry and when this failed to the Radio but the brother could not hold his ground at either places and is now director of the Hungarian television company.

REVAI is a great enemy of the newspapermen. Thanks to him the collective contract of the newspaper writers is very bad. His brother in law SZANTHO Zoltan is the president of the Hungarian-Soviet Society working in the bounds of the party.

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REVAI had a part in the annihilation of the bourgeois parties also.

[redacted] the Catholic Party under BARANKOVICS Istvan and
and the other Hungarian liberal party under PFEIFFER Zoltan were destroyed
by REVAI tactics.

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A few years ago (it might be 2-3 years ago) REVAI retired from active
politics partly by reason of his condition of health and partly because of the
unbelievable great hate he enjoys all over the country. At present he is member of the
parliament as representative and is one of the deputy presidents of the
presidium.

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The complete communist upbringing of Hungarian youth is REVAI's sin. The
creation of the DISZ (Federation of Working Youth) and the Pioneer movement
are also connected with his name.

The introduction of Soviet educational system in the Hungarian schools is
Even today has been ordered at his recommendation. He is the principal director of
the KOSSUTH Prize adjudging committee

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These five men of the Hungarian politics ;RAKOSI Matyas, GERO Erno, FARKAS
Michael, REVAI Joseph and VASS Zoltan are considered as the No.1. team
of Moscow, after the times of 1945. For years all power was concentrated
in their hands in every field.

RONAI, Sandor, president of the parliament(assembly).

RONAI is an old man of the workers movement. Original trade bricklayer(mason). He was secretary of the social democratic party at Miskolc even before 1945. At this time the workers of the vicinity and the left side elements acknowledged Ronai as an authority (in labor matters) because he bravely struggled against the Horthy system's authorities. He remained in this position even after 1945. His situation changed only in that respect that he became member of the parliament on the social democratic ticket. Since then he is ininterruptedly a member of the legislation. At the end of 1945 or at the beginning of 1946 when the social-democratic party received the ministry (the portfolio) of public alimentation RONAI Sandor received this position. RONAI did not do anything at all here (in this job) his every move showed that he does not understand/s/it. Unfortunately he selected his collaborators badly. They implanted in him the seed of vanity and since then he is looking for appearance in public and is chasing popularity. ^{the former bricklayer} From the top of the ministry of public alimentation ~~he~~ was put in charge of the ministry of commerce, Around this time he was already the member of the highest management of the social-democratic party. While he was minister, the socialization of commerce started. He proclaimed the crusade against commerce. As minister of commerce he pledged himself to the communists. He has been the penetrated man of the communist party in the social-democratic party and he has a great share that the social-democratic party could be dissolved into the communist party. He informed GERO and REVAI exactly of the intentions of the social-democratic leaders. When the fusion of the two so-called labor parties has been effected, (the social-democratic and the communist parties) RONAI as a former social-democrat also became a member of the political committee of the New Party of the Hungarian Workers. ~~However~~, this "King for a day" farce lasted only a few months.

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When the former social-democrats had to be silenced in the ^{new} Party of the Hungarian Workers RONAI received the role to represent the new line before the public. The result and RONAI'S reward was, that when the former social-democrat state president SZAKASITS Arpad was arrested -in spite of being the president of the country- RONAI became the president of the Hungarian country(Hungary). Later, when on Soviet pattern the Presidium Council was created RONAI became the president of the Presidium Council. He had no independent voice or action. At this time his old collaborators were taken away from him and he was surrounded with "reliable" communists. When again from political tactical reasons a peasant origin president became necessary they simply had RONAI resigned and put ^{him} in charge as president of the parliament. He fills this post up today.

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[redacted] the younger son of RONAI Sandor [redacted]

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[redacted] also was a newspaperman and worked at the "Nepszava" social-democratic party paper. He participated actively in the resistance movement. He was captured at Buda in February 1945, terribly tortured, and with several companions executed in the Fort 24 hours before Buda was liberated.

The other son of RONAI, after 1945 was a building contractor, and then became a police officer, he reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. He left the police, and attended various schools. [redacted]

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RUSZNYAK, Istvan Dr.MD.

university professor, member of the Academy of Sciences.

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RUSZNYAK is of Jewish origin, and as such, suffered many setbacks, slithings during the Horthy era. He used to work at Szeged, where because of his great knowledge and several discoveries he was not completely neglected but slighted on account of his origin. This certainly had an effect on Rusznak, wh^o is a vain man and has a sensitive soul. At Szeged he used to collaborate with SZENT* GYORGYI Albert, the Nobel prize Hungarian scientist

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After 1945 RUSZNYAK immediately joined the communist party, was brought to Budapest and named professor to the university. He is president of the Academy of Sciences and also of various communist and pink mass organisations. For years now, he is member of the parliament on the communist party list. Professor RUSZNYAK does everything today except to take care of his patients.

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The communists use him as a shield everywhere. If there is any kind of new movement RUSZNYAK is elected in it.

The great public, the people is beginning to realize that RUSZNYAK the well known doctor cannot be regarded as a physician any more, he is a mere political puppet.

The communists spread the rumor in 1945, 1946 ^{that} really it was professor RUSZNYAK who discovered the C vitamin and not SZENT*GYORGYI who received a Nobel prize for it but RUSZNYAK had to remain in the background because of his origin.

In the summer of 1955 there were rumors at Budapest that RUSZNYAK ~~committed~~ has been engaged in espionage for the Western powers, and before his arrest committed suicide. Weeks later this rumor proved to be false when RUSZNYAK appeared at some public event.

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SANDOR, Laszlo, section head of the central management of the DISZ. (Democratic Federation, Youth Federation).

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SANDOR is from Salgotarjan, his father was a miner. In 1946 or 1948 from Salgotarjan he came to the AVH. There he has been an officer, he served first with the rank of First lieutenant, and later as captain. At the AVH. he has been the expert in youth problems. He filled this position for years. When the DISZ (Democratic Youth Federation) has been reinforced ~~with~~ by the party, many tried young communists were sent there, SANDOR was one of them. He really fills the role in the DISZ, what KELETI Ferenc fills in the party. The selection of the DISZ cadres belongs to his jobs; who should be sent, where. The better youth he sends to the AVH. He also handles the direction of sport matters, that is a very important DISZ function today. SANDOR talk^s with a "Paloc" (Upper-Hungary) accent. His brother graduated from a university in the Soviet Union and returned to Hungary just recently, in the summer of 1955. ~~XXXXXX~~ SANDOR while at the AVH, "discovered" several university student organisations and very proud of this achievements. He also has been in the Soviet Union, however did not receive higher shcooling there. He received his higher (communist) schooling at Zakopane (Poland). As he related, he spent five weeks there. There were three (young men) from Hungary and the others from Rumania, Bulgaria, Poland, China, Mongolia and naturally some youth from the Soviet, who discussed there.

SANDOR has been the "responsible" of the leader-training-school of the DISZ that was held at the Galyateto. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At this school 50 DISZ secretaries were trained who will direct the DISZ life of larger plants, factories, universities, etc.

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SIK, Endre

first deputy of the foreign minister.

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SIK has two brothers living now in Hungary. SIK Sandor is the Piarist Order Superior, former professor at the University for the Hungarian language. Unbelievably great knowledge, honest, clean, saintly man.

The other SIK could not find his place in life. Three or four fingers are missing of his left hand.

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This SIK has a daughter, Ilma, who in 1947 has been the wife of KOSA John, newspaperman, assistant professor at the university, lives in America now.

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SIK Endre got acquainted with communism in his youth. The time between the two world wars SIK spent outside of Hungary. For years he also lived in Moscow. When RAKOSI started to use the communists who returned from abroad, SIK received ever more important tasks. His first greater commission has been the post to head the Washington legation. When SIK returned from Washington he has been trusted with an important post at the ministry of foreign affairs. Despite the fact that he is deputy to the minister, in reality he is the minister. BOLDOCZKY Janos, the minister is only a yesman there.

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SPANYIK- SARDI

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He has been professional soccer player before 1944 at Ujpest. In 1945 as a ^{he} young man joined the communist party and started to educate himself. He always received larger and larger roles in the party machinery ^{and} since a few months he is the second ~~secretary~~ secretary of the party committee of the Hungarian Workers Party, Budapest IV.District.

His former soccer player teammates told about him that SPANYIK-SARDI ^{has been,} completely changed, became a bloodthirsty man who barely recognizes his old friends. In his district - where there are numerous factories - he is almost the master of life and death. He is still a young man, is about 32-34 years old.

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SZABO, Gergely,

head of the secretariat of the council of ministers.

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[redacted] the simple chemical engineer very shortly became first main section head of the ministry, then deputy minister, and later minister of the chemical industry. When the ministries were concentrated (several ministries were merged) he ceased to be minister. SZABO enjoys the complete confidence of the present leaders of the party. When the position of NAGY Imre became shaky, SZABO has been placed at the position that was occupied formerly by NAGY's son-in-law.

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SZABO, Istvan

deputy of the minister of defense, lieutenant general.

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On the spring of 1945 [redacted] he has 25X1

been the leader of the local communist party. Allegedly he originates from that district. He also, returned from the Soviet Union in 1945, he lived for years there. He became first secretary of the communist party of Hajdu county and from this position around 1948 went to Budapest and named general and at the same time deputy of the minister of defense. A few years ago he has been promoted to lieutenant general.

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SZAKALI, Joseph, the first man in the DISZ(Demokratikus Ifjusagi Szovetseg - Federation of Democratic Youth). [redacted]

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[redacted] He started his carrier at Miskolc. First he

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has been collaborator of the DISZ, and later leader of the DISZ at the Diosgyor iron works. From there he came to his present post, He is of worker origin.

For a while he himself performed physical work. [redacted] he is the man of

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KOVACS Istvan. He began to fill a more important role at Diosgyor when the Borsod county party committee (Miskolc also belongs to this county) had KOVACS Istvan as first secretary. KOVACS recommended him to the party center also.

Before he became DISZ leader, he spent several weeks at Moscow.

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SZAL, Joseph, head of the information (propaganda) section of the foreign ministry.

SZAL was in diplomatic service in several Western countries. About two years ago 25X1
he was recalled to Hungary. For his knowledge of languages and his ability of
negotiations he was trusted with the information section of the foreign ministry.
His work is two-fold, one, information toward the peoples democracies, and two,
the same toward the West. He is rather more specialized toward the West. 25X1

He is a sharpminded man whose only ambition is to make a career in the foreign 25X1
service. 25X1

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SZANTO, Zoltan.

former minister of Hungary to France.

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REVAI

He has close family relations to REVAI Joseph the former chief ideologist of the party. Through this family relationship he obtained ~~the post~~ that years ago he was nominated to the post at the head of the Paris legation. At that time it was said that the Paris legation is the best from Hungarian point of view because it informed ^{the best, about everything, and in the proper time,} ~~the government organs at home~~ and that the legation knew about everything which was important~~s~~ from Hungarian point of view. This service was organized by SZANTO. When he came back to Hungary from Paris in 1953 a press and propaganda bureau has been organized next to the council of ministers and SZANTO became its head with the rank of minister. At this time the Hungarian press breathed somewhat more freely and dared to criticize more than ever before. SZANTO prompted the newspapermen that they should criticize.

When the new-era policy came to an end, NAGY Imre has been let go, and the mentioned bureau discontinued. However, SZANTO has not been dropped but nominated at the head of the largest mass-organisation the Hungarian-Soviet Society, as president.

SZANTO speaks Russian well, he lived there for years. 25X1

At this new place he received the primary task that the broad mass of youth should be not only organized as members but be connected in the active work. The confidential resolution of the central management stated that SZANTO should teach the youth to love the Soviet life forms, Soviet art and Soviet culture through the activity of his society from which they yet shy away - as the party resolution stated. 25X1

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SZOBEK, Andras

at present minister of gathering(the harvest).

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Before 1945 SZOBEK lived at Bekescsaba, first, he worked as carpenters helper and later became independent master carpenter. This district has been the hotbed of the leftist movement in Hungary. Soon SZOBEK also has been connected with the movement and first he was on the social-democratic line, then at the beginning of the 1940ics he already was a communist. Even before 1945 he belonged to the communist party. When the Russian army invaded Hungary, the oppressed SZOBEK transformed into a little king of the neighborhood. First he was chief comisar of Bekes county and then after performing various party requirements(tasks) he became minister. If my memory does not fail me, he was first minister of public alimentation and later the party put him to various important posts. The last time, he has been ambassador at Moscow. From here he was called back and named minister for gathering(the harvest). His predecessor TISZA Joseph completely failed and the party needed a stronghanded man, the choice fell on SZODEK.

SZOBEK is an uncompromising, aggressive man. He is a faithful Moscow adherent. He is member of parliament since 1945.

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SZUCS, Lajos.

secretary of the Great-Budapest party committee.

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He is of workers family origin, who became connected with communist party activity after 1945. Since two or three years he is second secretary of the Budapest party committee. This is a very great position. SZUCS has an iron will and is diligent. He has his office at the Koztarsasag (Liberty) square.

He is a faithful executor of the party resolutions. He is a typical administrative man (bureaucrat).

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TABORI, fnu.

[redacted] he is the political editor of the "Szabad Ifjusag" 25X1

(Free Youth) the central paper of the DISZ (Democratic Youth Federation). 25X1

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In the past he had nothing to do with journalism. Upon the recommendation of the 25X1
party, the DISZ central placed him in his present position. [redacted]

he attended various party schools, he specialized himself in the youth movements.

He has been several times in the Soviet Union and there in the first place studied
Komszomol work. His last trip, in 1955, led him to China, where he held a series
of lectures about the Hungarian youth movement and its development. He is a member
of the central management of the DISZ.

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TARISKA, Istvan Dr.

physician.

Before 1944 he has been ~~the~~ one of the leaders

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of the Debrecen intellectual communists. In 1945 the party made of him secretary of state, he stayed in this position only a year or two. He was sent to the Soviet Union, attended various schools there, and not long ago returned to Hungary. For the time being one cannot tell what kind of position he shall be placed but considering his old communist membership and the fact that he spent 5-6 years in the Soviet Union, it is certain that he will be in high position.

ATTENTION: TARISKA, Istvan Dr. should not be mistaken for another TARISKA who used to be active in the Peace-party in 1944, and for this has been jailed or pushed in the background between 1951 and 1953.

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TISZA, Joseph.

former minister of gathering(harvest).

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He has worked at various party organisations all over the country for years.

During the last parliamentary elections he has been elected as representative.

As a man who knows the countryside he has been elevated to ministerial rank

and named gathering minister. He shamefully failed in this position. He did not
had
understand anything and *no power to carry out the party resolutions either.*

After only a year of ministership he has been relieved. To be fair to him,
it has to be mentioned that at the beginning of the beginning he ~~already~~
repeated that he does not understand~~s~~ the problems and does not want to accept
the job. He was told that a good party member does what the party tell~~s~~ him to do.
He accepted the party decision.

After his ministership, he received some nominal post, became leader of some
enterprise but this is not important. He became a party worker, a rural instructor,
whose task is the visiting of rural (county) party organisations and there to
help to comply with the party instructions.

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21.

TOTH, Benedek.

Newspaperman, reader-editor(proof reader) of the "Szabad Nep".

TOTH as a young man started

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his politics,(to get interested in politics) as a member of the National Peasant Party. In 1947 he has been sent to the Soviet Union and spent a year there. He attended some propaganda school and partly studied the and structure construction of the Soviet press at various Soviet dailies and magazines(weeklies).

When he came back to Hungary he left the National Peasant Party and joined the communist party. For a while he worked in the communist party center. He educated himself for agricultural propaganda work and went over to the "Szabad Fold" peasant weekly as chief political collaborator(co-editor). He spent several years here and in March 1955 was ordered over to the "Szabad Nep" as deputy of UJLAKI and as reader -editor. At the same time he is the agricultural expert of the paper.

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He is a so-called eyeshade man, he sees everything through the Moscow eyeshades.

Between 1953 and 1955 he has traveled in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, where he has studied the collectivization methods of agriculture.

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TURGONYI, Julia.

secretary of the DISZ (Hungarian Youth Federation) management.

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In the spring

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of 1955 upon the recommendation of the party, she was elected secretary of the DISZ, (Democratic Youth Federation) central management. Until then she used to work at the Great-Budapest party committee of the Hungarian Workers, in confidential fields.

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UJLAKI, Laszlo. Newspaperman, he also is one of the men of the future.

He is about 168-170 cm.tall, blond straight hair combed back, has blue eyes, weighs about 65 kgs, age is about 32-33 years.

He is from Kismarja village, Bihar county, his parents still live there. His uncle ~~VAS~~ Miklos ^{former} deputy officer of ~~the army~~ (N.C.O. staff sargeant) served as counter intelligence officer on the Rumano-Hungarian border, before 1945.

UJLAKI graduated from highschool at Debrecen.

After 1945, UJLAKI worked as newspaperman at the "Szabad Nep" the central party paper. First, he edited the Court column, but later switched over to the political line. In 1947 already he studied a one year party course, and then was sent to Moscow where he also studied for a year. This has been an upper level agitation propaganda school. When he has returned home, he became the director of the home politics column of the MTI(Magyar Tavirati Iroda-Hungarian News Agency) and then from here was transferred to the press department of the prime ministry. In 1953 when NAGY Imre has been the president of the council of ministers UJLAKI is ~~was~~ already the head of the press-information section of the prime ministry. This post he filled until March 1955, when he was transferred to the editorial offices of the "Szabad Nep" as reader-editor. Today he really is one of the directors of the party paper.

He is a member of the Party of Hungarian Workers since 1945. The uppermost layer of the communist leaders, beginning from RAKOSI, all know UJLAKI and have trust in him. In the last years he always received more and more difficult tasks to solve.

We do know each other with UJLAKI since we were 5-6 years old, and therefore we dare to talk to each other frankly. Here I have to mention yet, that in the meantime for a while UJLAKI has been the head of the personnel section of the peoples education ministry, that handled placements and supervision of newspaper-men and writers.

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He lives under modest circumstances.

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His parents are still living on the land.

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He is married, his wife is an university graduate and works in the party.

According to my memory they have a small child.

UJLAKI judges political realistically the tension between the two worlds but
has always repeated that Hungary because^{of} its given geographical ~~situation~~ can
only afford to belong to the Soviet block. UJLAKI tries to avoid sharper political
discussions.

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UJLAKI is not in closer friendly relations with anybody. He is well aware that
he is trusted in the party and also knows that he will reach higher functions yet
but still this did not turn his head, he did not become conceited or vain.

VADAS, Sara, Dr. physician, former wife of VAS, Zoltan.

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Her brothers the VADAS brothers participated in the first revolution and [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] were executed. VADAS, Sara reached Moscow, graduated at the university [redacted] 25X1

there, and married VAS Zoltan there. She has a son Marton [redacted] 25X1

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~~Vadas/Sara~~ In 1945 VADAS Sara was active in the ministry of social welfare

and then at the National Relief Union. Then she disappeared [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Her name came up again when VAS divorced her. She returned 25X1

to Moscow to attend some very high school and [redacted] should return to 25X1

Hungary around the middle of 1956.

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VARGA, Andras.

former deputy minister of interior.

He also belongs to the younger set.

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VARGA graduated from the Red Academy at Budapest. After graduation he became very soon deputy minister of the interior. At the ministry he has not handled police matters but the direction and supervision of village and city administration. He has been the leader of that delegation which studied the work of the councils (soviet) in the Soviet Union and in Rumania. He and his immediate collaborators prepared in Hungarian connection the Council-Law. Therefore his name is connected with the fact that the old village and city administration has been dissolved in Hungary and instead councils (~~soviets~~) local soviets) were formed. From the ministry of interior he was transferred to the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, and there the highest direction of the council matters belongs to him. There were times when the work of the councils were completely directed by the presidency of the council of ministers and not by the ministry of interior. At the present this function is divided (between the mentioned two organs) but even today still the highest organ is the council-secretariat functioning next to the council of ministers. The head of this secretariat is still VARGA.

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VASS, Zoltan. Real name Weinberger Zoltan, unbelievable great passion for life. He laid the foundation of his carrier when returned from Moscow and was jailed ~~together~~ together with RAKOSI. Of his experiences in prison he wrote a book, published among the first books in Hungary in 1945. A few years ago new edition was published.

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He also started his life at the "Red News" communist paper in 1919. [redacted]

[redacted] There in the middle 1920 es he married VADAS Sarah 25X1
whose brothers were executed by Horthys as communist leaders. The wife is a 25X1
physician. When VAS returned to Hungary with RAKOSI in 1927 (the year is not
certain) he left his wife who was pregnant in Moscow, and ^{he saw} his son the first
time in 1940.

It is common talk that during the 15 years prison term Vass behaved more
and humanly,
courageously than even RAKOSI.

He is on the political stage of Hungary since the fall of 1944. His name
became known first when he saved the people of Budapest from hunger in
1945 as government comisar for public alimentation. Later became mayor of
Budapest. In this latter position he was already a willing servant of the
communist ideology.

VASS was (next to GERO) the economic political executive of the party. He
participated in this work with unbelievable energy. He takes great share
for the credit that Hungarian economic life took such an upturn in the years
of 1945-46-47. One could always talk to him about business. He adopted and
supported good ideas. He had a great share in the liquidation of the 1946
inflation. At this time he formed the later infamous West-Orient company.
These companies traded in smuggling with government control.

VASS tried to help and support the former owners of confiscated factories -
-whom GERO most readily would have executed - VASS left some of them at their

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own factories as managers, and some he transferred to other jobs. At this time he was general secretary of the Economic High Council and later became the president of the Government Planning Office. As president of the High Economic Council the economic ministries belonged under his supervision.

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Through him the Soviets controlled and supervised the Hungarian economic life.

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VASS remained as economic political executive. The planning office grew and grew and this aroused the jealousy of GERO Erno more and more. In the meantime VASS subordinated the Country Invention Office, the Modernisation Office and the Measure and Standards Office. The Modernization Office was the most important because he could show toward the Soviet Union that the popularisation of Soviet working methods is also under his care. In 1951 the Planning Office had more employees than any ministry and in the Nádér street houses were requisitioned for the Planning Office one after the other.

The great clash occurred in 1952 between VASS and GERO. VASS as president of the Planning Office has not agreed with the great construction and development

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§ of Sztalinvaros, Kazincbarcika and Komlo. He even had the courage to raise his voice against the construction of the Budapest subway. At this time he occupied a very respectable position in the management of the party. The bitter clash and fight of the two economic experts of the party was observed with breath withheld by the intimates. GERO to neutralize the Planning Office created a certain economic top office

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However this office did not last long because VASS had it liquidated on the pretext that this office only served the bureaucracy. By 1952 the glass was filled to the brim ~~and~~ and GERO seemingly lost the battle. However at this time VARGA Jeno arrived from Moscow, and he took GERO's side and the economic struggle ended with the victory of GERO.

The difference between the two ~~economic~~ party leaders consisted in their economic ideas and view points. GERO wanted to solve every problem in the Soviet methods and in Soviet time schedule. He said " If the economic transition to the road of socialism can be executed only by sacrificing 100.000 families then they must be liquidated because rather should 100.000 perish for four million than vice versa".

Against this, VASS believed that the Hungarian industry should be led toward socialism by keeping its own characteristics. Namely we should not neglect our agricultural and light industries and should support the heavy industry only according to our forces and raw material supply. This was his biggest sin. GERO told him plainly: "Comrade VASS does not need Sztalinvaros, he does not want Kazincbarcika because there the future is shaped and built and not the present comfortable life."

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VASS supported and helped many of the former owners of the socialized factories and shops. A characteristic example: VASS employed old man KALLOS the former

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owner of the Schmoll and Kallos large shoe polish company, as chemical expert to the Country Invention Office. Gero charged VASS for this also. Finally VARGA Jeno pronounced the inalterable decision. The economic policy of VASS Zoltan does not follow the classic Marxist-Leninist line. RAKOSI was only an observer of this fight but did not interfere from political reasons, RAKOSI was not certain that the fight is not fought also against him.

VASS had to leave his leading position of the Hungarian economic life. No outward communication was given to the people. The communications said that the mining industry is struggling with difficulties and the greatest trouble is at Komlo and therefore the dynamic VASS Zoltan will be transferred there to create order. At the KEB (Central Inspection Committee) GERO accused VASS with economic sabotage and demanded court action. This could not be tolerated by RAKOSI and he intervened. In spite of this it is a historical fact that on the order of GERO, VASS left the presidential position of the Planning Office and previously he was in house arrest for two three days. RAKOSI turned to Suslov who prohibited the execution of the GERO steps and intentions.

The KEB reprimanded VASS severely for the anti-party economic policy and his private life in every detail was aired there too. For weeks the AVH was busy to clear up all VASS's tender relations from 1945. Whole lists were prepared and his life was branded as immoral and he was transferred to Komlos as head of the Mining trust.

In effect the transfer of VASS was a step against RAKOSI because he protected and helped VASS.

VASS very soon made himself liked at Komlos and fought for the rights of the miners. It became proved that GERO was in the wrong for the economic political direction and led the country on the brink of bankruptcy. This was not confessed openly - not even in Nagy Imre's time - but GERO's influence became smaller

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and smaller.

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When the star of the NEP era came up VASS Zoltan was brought to the front again. However it is not uninteresting to know that before he was sent to ^{whole} Komlo, VASS and his circle of friends were observed and watched by the AVH. When he left Budapest, his secretary was taken to the AVH where they wanted to force her to make accusing incriminating confession against VASS. They did not succeed completely and she was deported. When VASS heard about this, he did everything to ease her situation and to have the deportation order but he failed in this. changed. At this time GERO already used VASS's wife in the manhunt against her husband. From Komlo VASS came to Budapest and first became manager of the economic matters at the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers and later became chief of the secretariat, and at this time his human traits came to the fore more and more. He married his secretary who previously was deported because of him. The party consented to his divorce with difficulty but finally he was granted the necessary permission. He is still married to his former secretary

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From the secretariat of the Council of Ministers he was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Trade as deputy minister who chiefly takes care of the export affairs. However, here he was received antagonistically and the newly ^{had} reinforced GERO had his every step observed and impeded his success.

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ZSOFINYECZ, Michael.

at present manager(director) of the RAKOSI Works at Csepel.

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Before 1945 he has been factory worker, for a long time he worked at the Hofherr-Schrantz-Clayton-Shuttleworth) tractor manufacturing plant that is called today "Red Star" tractor factory. Even at that time ZSOFINYEC has been a sort of leader of the workers whose voice could be heard often. After 1945 as labor union leader of the "Red Star" tractor factory he stepped in the ministerial chair.

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ZSOFINYECZ has been at the head of several ministries - but could not stand his ground at no place. He is a man of very small capacity.

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